

“STEWARDED GOD’S LEADING”

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Reminder: In this series, we are placing a special emphasis on *service* and *responsibility*—**our responsibility in serving God in the sphere of influence He has placed each one of us in.**

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is **required** in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful *is* **He** that calleth you, **Who** also will do *it*.

Whatever God calls you to do, remember that He is faithful to give you the grace to do it. Seek to be a faithful steward of God.

MAKE A COMMITMENT: WILL YOU COMMIT TO DOING WHATEVER GOD WILL SAY TO YOU IN THIS MESSAGE?

† **Stewarding God’s Leading (Psalm 37:1-40)**

In this Psalm, David wrestles with these age-old questions; “*Why do the wicked prosper?*” and “*Why do the Godly suffer?*”

In this Psalm, we are encouraged to *wait* upon the Lord.

I. The Walk of Faith is Marked by _____

In the process of being led by the Lord, it is important to note areas which are necessary to “put off.” These are areas of sin that God draws to our attention. We must keep in mind that sin hinders our fellowship with God and therefore interferes with our sensitivity to His leading us.

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the **LORD’S** hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither **His** ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ² But your iniquities have separated between you and your **God**, and your sins have hid **His** face from you, that **He** will not hear.

A. Be NOT _____—don’t react (v. 1a, 7b)

Often our anger is a *reaction* instead of a *response*. A *reaction* is **led by emotion** while a *response* is **thought through**. As believers, we are to give a prayerful response so as to honor the Lord.

Proverbs 24:19-20 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked; ²⁰ For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Keep in mind that you injure yourself as you “*fret*” over the works of others. Don’t allow your attitude and conduct be negatively influenced by the words and actions of others.

B. Be NOT _____—don’t be jealous (v. 1b)

There is no reason to be envious of the wicked for their life on earth is the only heaven that they will enjoy.

Cf. Proverbs 23:17-18; Proverbs 24:1-2

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II. The Walk of Faith is Marked by _____

The key to *putting off* these sinful reactions is to *renew* our mind with what God says.

A. _____ of the Wicked

1. Their presence is _____ (v. 2)
2. Their place will fall (v. 9-11)

When we go against God’s way there is **judgment**, but when we follow God’s way there is **blessing**.

3. Their plotting will be _____ (v. 12-13)
4. Their _____ will fail (v. 14-15)
5. Their prosperity is fleeting (v. 16-17)

B. _____ to the Righteous

1. The righteous man and his reward (v. 18, 20-22)
2. The righteous man and his _____ (v. 23-24)
3. The righteous man and his necessities (v. 19, 25)
4. The righteous man and his security (v. 32-33)
5. The righteous man and his _____ (v. 35-38)

6. The righteous man and his *salvation* (v. 39-40)

These are stabilizing truths for those who love the Lord. These are promises that are meant to bring peace to those who are obedient to God's commands.

III. The Walk of Faith is Marked by _____

Psalm 37:23 The steps [*course of life*] of a *good* man are ordered [*established*] by the LORD: and He delighteth in his way.

Q: Does God delight in the way that I am going?

Q: How will God delight in the way that I take?

A. Be _____ in the LORD – “Trust in the LORD” (v. 3a)

Psa 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

“Trust in the LORD, and do good;...” – This “trust” is being confident. It carries the idea of a deep abiding reliance upon something.

Keep in mind that when we are “fretting” we are not trusting.

B. Be _____ in the LORD – “Delight in the LORD” (v. 4)

This is not the way to get your hands upon God's *provision*, but instead how you get your heart where God's *purpose* is.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

Cf. Matthew 6:33

C. Be _____ to the LORD – “Commit thy ways unto the LORD” (v. 5)

The idea of this word, “commit” is to roll a weight onto something that you believe can handle it. It is the idea of surrendering.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

D. Be _____ before the LORD – “Rest in the LORD” (v. 7)

Psalm 46:10a Be still, and know that I AM God:...

E. Be _____ to the LORD – “Wait on the LORD” (v. 34)


This Hebrew word translated, “wait” carries the idea of patient confidence. It is a confident expectation.

As we learn to “wait on the LORD” we learn submission to God.

Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

CONCLUSION: The walk of faith is marked by being secure, satisfied, surrendered, silent, and submissive. Learn to walk in faith letting God lead you. He is more than capable.

What is my next step?

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