



Sunday, January 7, 2018

**A QUIET COMMITMENT:**

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

*“Forward in Faith”*—let us commit, as a church family, to move **forward in faith**, together, in this new year. This will take *moving forward in faith* in our personal walks with the Lord.

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**Application:** Be willing to take daily steps of faith in *desperate dependency* upon the Lord.

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**“Our Walk of Faith in the Word”**

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Today, we will consider God’s provisions for us in this walk of faith as we take steps *in* faith of *spiritual growth* and *stability*.

God has provided His most precious Word to guide us in the walk of faith.

**Psalm 119:105** Thy Word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture *is* given by inspiration of **God**, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of **God** may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

I. The Godly Man—He is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-3)

A. His pathway—He \_\_\_\_\_ from the world (v. 1)

This speaks of the Godly man's **discernment**.

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1. He does not seek worldly \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. He does not stand in worldly \_\_\_\_\_

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3. He does not sit in worldly \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Jim Binney – “If you can laugh at it you are okay with it.”

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**Isaiah 33:15-16** gives the characteristics of a “*righteous man*” as he seeks to keep himself from all evil.

Cf. James 1:21-24

B. His pleasure—He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in the Word (v. 2)

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**Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

C. His prosperity—He \_\_\_\_\_ himself by the water (v. 3)

This speaks of the Godly man's **discipline**.

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1. He is planted

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2. He is productive

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3. He is prosperous

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II. The Godless Man—He is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-6)

A. His pathway—He is \_\_\_\_\_ by the wind (v. 4)

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Cf. Matthew 7:26-27

The Godly man anchors himself in the Word of God while the godless man refuses the wisdom of God and seeks the counsels of the ungodly.

B. His position— He is \_\_\_\_\_ by his works (v. 5)

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Philippians 2:10-11 That at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **11** And *that* every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of **God the Father**.

Cf. Revelation 20:10-15 – the Great White Throne Judgment: unbelievers are judged based upon their works.

C. His peril—He is \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word (v. 6)

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Philippians 3:9 And be found in **Him**, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of **Christ**, the righteousness which is of **God** by faith:

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**What is my next step?** Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

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## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: to Supremely love GOD,  
Sacrificially love others  
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!