



Sunday, February 18, 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)

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

“Our Walk with Purpose”—GROW

Here at PIBC we have adopted a *mission statement* which describes our Biblical purpose.

“To Supremely Love God, Sacrificially Love others, ALL to the glory of God”

In other words, our *mission* is to ***glorify God*** through our *growth* in **discipleship** and by *going* and **making disciples**.

Our *mission* is to glorify God as we seek to fulfill our *vision* and our *commission*.

Our *vision*—“to supremely love God”—is an *upward focus*, seeking to glorify God as we *grow*, as **disciples**, in His grace and in the knowledge of His Son, thus growing in our *love for God*.

Our *commission*—“to sacrificially love others”— is an *outward focus*, seeking to glorify God as we *go* and reach the world for Christ by **making disciples** and **training disciple-makers**.

I. Our Mission: GLORIFY—“All to the Glory of God” (Matthew 5:16)

We were created with the great privilege of being image-bearers to bring God glory through the great responsibility of influencing our Jerusalem for Christ as “salt” and “light.”

II. Our Vision: GROW—“Supremely Love God” (Matthew 22:37-38)



Consider the purpose of the local church in God’s design for the spiritual growth of His people (Ephesians 4:11-12).

A. Our _____ Love for God (Matthew 22:37)

The product of the church should be a Christian who lives a life that visibly _____ their love for the Lord.

1. We are to love _____ —“Love God with all my heart”

This is a choice of the heart. Am I *willfully, intentionally* determining to love God supremely?

Christ’s Example: “for I do always those things that please Him” (John 8:29). His *supreme love* for the Father was displayed with _____ **obedience**.

2. We are to love _____ —“Love God with all my soul”

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the **Lord**, and not unto men;

Christ’s Example: “For I came ... not to do Mine own will” (John 6:38). His *supreme love* for the Father was displayed with whole-hearted _____.

3. We are to love _____ —“Love God with all my mind”

Christ’s Example: “I can of mine own self do nothing” (John 5:30). His *supreme love* for the Father was displayed in His _____ upon the Father.

B. Our _____ Love Toward God (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Your view of choice becomes your character of life. In other words, what you choose to focus on in life changes you. We take on the characteristics of what we dwell upon.

1. The gazing process is a _____ process (Jer. 9:23-24)

2. The gazing process is a _____ process (Romans 12:2)

This renewal process is the transformation of our thought process as we seek to bring every thought under the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

3. The gazing process is a _____ process (Psalm 1:2)

Here we see what has **captured the Godly man's heart**. He loves the Word of God and therefore spends time with the God of the Word.

Psalm 119:11 Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against **Thee**.

C. Our _____ Love of God (Matthew 5:16)

John 14:15 If ye love **Me**, keep **My** commandments.

John 15:12-14 This is **My** commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. **13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. **14** Ye are **My** friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

We grow in love with God as we diligently gaze upon Him in His Word then display a glowing love that is clearly seen by those around us.

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.*)



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