



Sunday, February 11, 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.

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

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**“Our Walk with Purpose”—GLORIFY**

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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”

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 begin with our commitment to fulfill the purpose for which we were created.

Q: Biblically, what is our purpose?

**Revelation 4:11** **Thou** art worthy, O **Lord**, to receive glory and honour and power: for **Thou** hast created all things, and for **Thy** pleasure they are and were created.

A. We are to glorify God with our \_\_\_\_\_

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Image (Genesis 1:26-27)

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2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Image (Ecclesiastes 7:29)

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Image (Colossians 1:15)

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**Hebrews 1:3** **Who** [*Jesus*] being the brightness of **His** [*the Father's*] glory, and the express image of **His** person, and upholding all things by the Word of **His** power, when **He** had by **Himself** purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

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4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Image (2 Corinthians 3:18)

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**Romans 13:14** But put ye on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

5. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:1)

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With our Biblical purpose we see our great privilege as representatives of God as His image-bearer. But with great privilege comes great responsibility.

**B. We are to glorify God with our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:13-16)**

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto **Me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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**1. As salt: resisting \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)**

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Our influence upon this world is to be deliberate and calculated. It takes effort and faithfulness (Ephesians 4:31-32).

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**Caution:** Salt that loses its flavor loses its influence therefore being worthless.

**2. As light: giving \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-15)**

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**Caution:** Light that fails to shine in the darkness has no influence and therefore is worthless.

**Commitment:** (Romans 12:1) – commit to being a living sacrifice so as to faithfully be a light that brings glory to God in fulfilling our created purpose.

**Matthew 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your **Father** which is in heaven.


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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.*)



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