



Sunday, March 4, 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)

In order to be faithful to the purpose for which we have been *called* and *created*, it is imperative that we learn to be ***desperately dependent*** in our walk with the Lord.

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**“Our Walk as Servants”**

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*Our walk as servants follows our walk with purpose.* With our mission statement, “*Supremely Love God, Sacrificially Love others, ALL to the glory of God,*” we see that we are to ***glorify God*** through our *growth* as **disciples** and by *going* and **making disciples**.

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

“We serve \_\_\_\_\_ in the way that we serve  
\_\_\_\_\_”

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Serving a Master (Matthew 6:24)

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**Romans 6:16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

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The principle of serving is simple. You are ALWAYS serving a master.

II. Our \_\_\_\_\_ of Serving a Master (Galatians 5:13-14)

A. Serving Self—Our \_\_\_\_\_-love is displayed (Galatians 5:13a)

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**Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith **Christ** hath made us free, and be not entangled [*submitted*] again with the yoke of bondage.

Christian living that is ruled by law is *legalism*. Christian living that is ruled by lust is *license*. Christian living that is ruled by love is *liberty*.

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B. Serving Someone Else—Our \_\_\_\_\_ love is displayed (Galatians 5:13b-14)

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Our *loving devotion* to God will lead us to a *loving display* toward others in service. When we love God supremely, He will work in and through us to sacrificially love others by serving them.

**1 John 3:16-18** Hereby perceive we the love of **God**, because **He** laid down **His** life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of **God** in him? <sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

“The right \_\_\_\_\_ towards God will lead to  
right \_\_\_\_\_ toward others.”

**John 15:4** Abide in **Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear **fruit** of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in **Me**.

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The “*fruit of the Spirit*” is a **God-empowered** attitude that leads to **Godly** actions.

1. Serving involves the **ATTITUDE** of \_\_\_\_\_ to God

“*doulos*” – His desire was to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Master.

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**Luke 6:46** And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

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**Matthew 12:18** Behold My Servant, whom I have chosen; My beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased:

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The one who serves others in love is one who is serving in submission to a divine Master.

2. Serving involves the **ACTION** of \_\_\_\_\_ for others

**Dr. Allen Griffith** – The Greek word, “*agape*” signifies the value placed on someone which determines the sacrifice you will make for them.

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“*diakonos*” – someone who is actively involved in *meeting the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.*

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SERVANT LEADERSHIP: We see Christ’s great example of “servant leadership” in John 13 as He washes the feet of His disciples.

**John 13:17** If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

CLOSING ILLUSTRATION: Consider the parable of the vineyard in Mark 12:1-5.

**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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