



Sunday, May 6, 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)

I. Introduction—Our Commitment to Biblical Unity

DISUNITY is not the *PRODUCT* of *CONFLICTS* but the *LACK* of *DILIGENCE* in **RESOLVING** those *CONFLICTS* **BIBLICALLY**

“Our Walk in Harmony” (Part 5)

II. The MARKS of Biblical Unity

III. The MAINTENANCE of Biblical Unity (Matthew 5:23-34/ 18:15-17)

Our *maintenance* of Biblical unity is our pursuit of reconciliation. It is both a *display* of our “*love one to another*” (John 13:35) and *directed* by prayerful submission (James 5:16).

IV. The _____ of Biblical Unity (Matthew 18:21-35)

One of the greatest ways that we can faithfully display genuine Christlike love is by sacrificing our own flesh as we pursue a life of forgiveness.

Consider Peter's question (v. 21) – It showed both an attitude of *generosity* but also his _____ to forgive.

Consider Christ's answer (v. 22)

Don't be **GENEROUS** and **HESITANT**—**BE** _____!

A. God's Love Displayed in _____ (Matthew 18:23-27)

Objective: See God's mercy as a display of His love. See how much He has forgiven you.

1. Christ's Story about Forgiveness—the _____ Master

a. The _____ condition (v. 24)

b. The _____ agreement (v. 25-26)

c. The _____ acquittal (v. 27)

2. My Story of Forgiveness – see MYSELF as the servant

a. Consider your _____ condition

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Cf. Isaiah 64:6a; Romans 6:23

b. Consider your _____ acknowledgment

Cf. Luke 18:13

c. Consider your _____ acquittal

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He hath made Him [*Jesus*] to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Cf. Romans 10:9 & 13

B. Our Love Displayed in Forgiveness (Matthew 18:28-35)

1. Characteristics of the _____ Heart

Consider Paul's testimony in 1 Timothy 1:12-14.

2. The _____ of the Unforgiving Heart (v. 31-35)

God uses three specific influences to *confront* the unforgiving heart in order to bring them to repentance. They are; the *people* of God, the *Word* of God and the *Spirit* of God.

3. The Characteristics of a _____ Heart

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted [*compassionate*], forgiving one another, even as **God** for **Christ's** sake hath forgiven you.

i. Remember your _____ (Ephesians 2:4-9)

Remember your unpayable debt and Christ's willingness to pay your debt on your behalf.

ii. Remember your _____ (Luke 17:3-4)

The display of your love for God by having a willingness to forgive others.

Point of examination: Consider your own attitude of forgiveness in comparison to God's attitude in forgiving you. **Does your attitude put God's Gospel and His glory on display?**

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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