



Sunday, June 24, 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)

James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If **My** people, which are called by **My** name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek **My** face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

I. Christ’s *PRELIMINARY* Remarks about Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

II. The *PRIMARY* Marks of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

- A. Acknowledge God’s *SUPREMACY*—*“Hallowed be Thy name”* (9)
- B. Acknowledge God’s *SOVEREIGNTY*—*“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done”* (10)
- C. Acknowledge God’s *SUFFICIENCY*—*“Give us this day our daily bread”* (11)
- D. Acknowledge God as my *SAVIOR* from sin—*“Forgive us our debts”* (12)
- E. Acknowledge God as my *STRENGTH*—*“Lead us not into temptation”* (13)

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- † My action: Be _____ (Philippians 4:13)
- † My Attitude: desperate _____
- † My Awareness: my _____

This places me at God’s footstool as *spiritually weak* in need of God’s strength.

I. Introduction: God and Temptations

The word "temptation" literally means "a putting to proof."

We must keep in mind that God allows trials and temptations to draw us closer to Him to prove the genuineness of our faith.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not [fall] into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

II. The _____ of Temptation (James 1:13-16)

A. _____ delivers the TEMPTATION (14a)

B. _____ draws us into its TRAP (14b)

C. _____ determines to TRANSGRESS (15a)

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

D. _____ defines the TERMINATION (15b)

III. Our _____ in Temptation (1 Corinthians 10:11-13)

A. Consider the _____ (11)

B. Consider the _____ (12)

“THINK”—beware of your own self-deception which will lead to falling into sin.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

C. Consider your _____ (13)

Acknowledge what God says in His Word about temptation—THINK YOUR WAY THROUGH A TEMPTATION!

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE what is _____**

2. **ACKNOWLEDGE your _____**

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the **Lord** is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGE His _____**

4. **ACKNOWLEDGE His _____**

OUR RESPONSE: REJOICING (1 PETER 1:6-7)

POINT OF ACTION: Biblical prayer continues with *desperate dependency* considering the temptations you will face. Pray to the Father acknowledging Him as your **STRENGTH** from the temptation of sin. Kneel at His footstool as one who is *spiritually weak* and in constant need of His strength.

Psalm 95:6-7 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the **LORD** our **Maker**. **7** For **He** is our **God**; and we *are* the people of **His** pasture, and the sheep of **His** hand.

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