



Sunday, July 1, 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

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

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

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

IV. Our _____ against the Tempter (1 Peter 5:8-11)

The attitude of this petition is that of humility because of an understanding one’s own weakness and neediness. It is a desperate cry for help knowing the presence of evil and its potential destruction.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but MIGHTY THROUGH GOD to the pulling down of strong holds;)

A. Be _____ in Thought (8)

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

1. Understand _____ the tempter is

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **Advocate** with the **Father**, **Jesus Christ** the righteous: **2** And **He** is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

2. Understand _____ the tempter works (1 John 2:16)

The devil seeks to *influence* us to sin by using those areas which appeal to our strong desires that are forbidden (1 John 2:16).

B. Be _____ in Faith (9)

1. Understand the effectiveness of a _____ MIND

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations [*deceptive thoughts based upon human reasoning*], and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of **God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of **Christ**;

“bringing into captivity every thought” – the idea here is the total destruction of the fortresses of human wisdom. In turn we bring our minds in submission under the authority of Christ—this is obedience. We forgo our human wisdom for the wisdom of God.

2. Understand the power of the _____ (1 John 3:8 | Hebrews 2:14)
 3. Understand the effectiveness of God’s _____ (Matthew 4:1-11)
 4. Understand the effectiveness of _____ (James 4:7)
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1 John 4:4 Ye are of **God**, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is **He** that is in you, than he that is in the world.

C. Be _____ in the Lord (10)

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the **Lord**, and in the power of **His** might. Put on the whole armour of **God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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.

Psalms 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.

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!*