



Sunday, June 16, 2019

MAKE 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. The WEALTH of the Believer (1:1-3:21)

Our goal is to consider “Our Worthy Walk” and seek to grow in our understanding of how to “Walk with the Lord to the praise of His glory.”

II. The WALK of the Believer (4:1-6:9)

Here in chapter 4 Paul moves into the practical portion of his letter to the saints at Ephesus. We note that our understanding of the PRINCIPLES of GOD’S WORD will lead to the PRACTICE of GOD’S WAYS.

A. Walk WORTHY (4:1)

To “walk worthy” of your calling is to live in such a way that what we were saved for and the way we live are in balance—both having equal weight.

B. Walk in UNITY (4:2-6)

Paul commands us to WALK WORTHY, first, by WALKING IN UNITY. He explains that to “walk worthy,” is simply to live like Jesus. It is a life marked by Christlikeness.

C. Walk in DIVERSITY (4:7-10)

Paul speaks of “everyone of us” or “each of us” as individuals and our responsibility in *diversity*. Our unity speaks of like-mindedness in direction and purpose yet it does not mean “sameness.” The beauty of our unity within the Church is best displayed in a UNIFIED DIVERSITY. This diversity when DISPLAYED IN HUMILITY will promote unity within the body of Christ.

D. Walk in MATURITY (4:11-16)

Having spoken of the Church's diversity with individual's spiritual gifts, Paul now draws our attention to some specific gifts displayed in the church. God has provided GIFTED MINISTERS in order to help train His people for GOSPEL MINISTRY through a GROWING SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

1. God's PROVISION—GIFTED MINISTERS (11)

a. MINISTERS to the WHOLE BODY of Christ

i. HE gave some APOSTLES

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself** being the chief corner *stone*;

ii. HE gave some PROPHETS

iii. HE gave some EVANGELISTS

b. MINISTERS to the LOCAL BODY of Christ

A "pastor" is a SHEPHERD. He tends the "flock of God" (1 Peter 5:2) the "Good Shepherd," through the Holy Spirit has entrusted to him (Acts 20:28). Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" (John 10:11-18), the "Great Shepherd" (Hebrews 13:20), and the "Chief Shepherd" (1 Peter 5:4). He is our example.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the **Holy Ghost** hath made you overseers, to feed [*spiritually nourish*] the church of **God**, which **He** hath purchased with **His** own blood.

i. In HEEDING

1 Timothy 4:15-16 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. **16** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

ii. In LEADING

1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of **God** which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

1 Peter 5:3 Neither as being lords over **God's** heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

iii. In FEEDING

2. God's PURPOSE—GOSPEL MINISTRY (12)

a. EQUIPPING the **SAINTS** of **CHRIST**

Spiritual growth is **SEEN**, not primarily **HEARD**. It isn't how much **BIBLE** someone **KNOWS** but how much **LOVE** someone **SHOWS**.

b. EDIFYING the **BODY** of **CHRIST**

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to **God**, and to the word of **His** grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of **God**, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of **God** may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.



Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN MATURITY**. God has **PROVIDED** the church with **GIFTED MINISTERS** for the **PURPOSE** of **GOSPEL MINISTRY**. Through the ministry of the Word, every believer is **EQUIPPED** and **EDIFIED** for and **EXPECTED** to be involved in the “*work of the ministry*.”

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!