



Sunday, September 15, 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)

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

- A. Walk **WORTHY** (4:1)
- B. Walk in **UNITY** (4:2-6)
- C. Walk in **DIVERSITY** (4:7-10)
- D. Walk in **MATURITY** (4:11-16)
- E. Walk in **PURITY** (4:17-24)

1. The CONDITION of the OLD Man (4:17-19)

Paul tells us that the **CONDITION OF THE OLD MAN IS ROOTED IN HIS THINKING**. His thinking defines his living.

2. The CHANGE of the NEW Man (4:20-24)

- a. **DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS** through REPENTANCE from **SIN** (4:22a)
- b. **DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS** through RESTRAINING our **FLESH** (4:22b)
- c. **DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS** through RENEWING our **MIND** (4:23)

Introduction: Biblical repentance is not only a **TURNING FROM SIN** but also a **TURNING TO TRUTH**. It is a turning from a walk which dishonors God to a walk which bring honor to God.

d. DISPLAYING CHRISTLIKENESS through REFLECTING HIS GLORY (4:24)

Often religion teaches a life of extremes with a lack of balance.

Our “*worthy walk*” is a life in BALANCE.

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

“...which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” (Eph 4:24) – This phrase, “*after God*” carries the ideas of “according to what God is in Himself” (Wuest).

The DISPLAY OF CHRISTLIKENESS is the natural result to the process of DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS—REPENTING from sin, RESTRAINING the flesh, and RENEWING the spirit of you mind.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:...



In other words, what you choose to focus on in life changes you. We take on the characteristics of what we dwell upon. We are changed into the image of what we spend time focusing on.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face [*unobstructed view*] beholding as in a glass [*a mirror*] the glory of the Lord, are changed [*metamorphosis*] into the same image from glory to glory, *even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Consider the product of the ministry of the Word in one's life (Isaiah 55).

Notice the two-fold response of the prophet Isaiah when he truly saw the Lord, high and lifted up (Isaiah 6). He **REPENTED FROM SIN** and **RESPONDED IN SERVICE**.

Notice the display of Christlikeness in David's words as a result of his knowledge of God (Psalm 145).

Right thinking produces right living.



Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN PURITY**. Our new life in Christ is to **DISPLAY** the likeness of Christ. We **EFFECTIVELY REFLECT** the Glory of God as we **HUMBLY RESPOND** to the **MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD** in our lives.

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!