



Sunday, September 29, 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)

Paul lays out for us the roadmap of growth and victory in our Christian lives. It is a **LIFE OF REPENTANCE** that leads to a **LIFE OF REFLECTING CHRIST**. This **PROCESS OF CHANGE** that we see in our sanctification is a **PROCESS OF INTENTIONALITY**. It is a process that is **PURPOSEFUL** and therefore effective. When the believer makes little to no effort, according to what Paul teaches us here, the results are often obvious.

This process of change includes both the **PURPOSEFUL DEVELOPMENT** and **PURPOSEFUL DISPLAY OF CHRISTLIKENESS**. Within the development process is **REPENTANCE** from sin and **RENEWING** the mind with the Word. Our display of Christ is the **REFLECTION OF HIS GLORY**.

F. Walk in LIBERTY (4:25-32)

1. We have been LIBERATED to LOOK OUTSIDE OURSELVES

a. LIBERATED from the POWER of SIN

Romans 6:6-7 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **7** For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto **God** through **Jesus Christ** our **Lord**.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to **God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

b. LIBERATED to PURSUE LOVING SERVICE

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith **Christ** hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

CHRISTIAN LIBERTY ENCOURAGES LOVING SERVICE.

2. We have been **LIBERATED** to **LOVE OUTSIDE OURSELVES**

Philippians 2:3-4 *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**:

a. With our **WITNESS**— to be **GENUINE** to others (v. 25)
MOTIVATED by a **FAMILY** community

b. With our **WRATH**—to be **GRACIOUS** to others (v. 26-27)
MOTIVATED by the **UNITY** of the community

c. With our **WORK**—to **GIVE** to others (v. 28)
MOTIVATED by the **NEEDS** of the community

d. With our **WORDS**—to **GROW** others (29-30)
MOTIVATED by the **MATURITY** of the community

e. With our **WILL**—to be **GODLIKE** to others (31-32)
MOTIVATED by the **MERCY** of Christ



Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN LIBERTY**. Through obedience, we are to “*put off*” those **SINFUL MARKS** of **BONDAGE** that **DIVIDE** the community of Christ. In turn we are to “*put on*” those **CHRISTLIKE MARKS** of **LIBERTY** which **UNITE** the body of Christ. We are to be **MOTIVATED** by the **UNITY** and **MATURITY** of the community and the **MERCY OF CHRIST**.

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!