

Sunday, October 13, 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)
- F. Walk in **LIBERTY** (4:25-32)

1. We have been **LIBERATED** to **LOOK OUTSIDE OURSELVES**

a. **LIBERATED** from the **POWER** of **SIN**

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion [*rule as a master*] over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

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.

2. We have been LIBERATED to LOVE OUTSIDE OURSELVES

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:” ... (Philippians 2:1-11)

- a. With our WORTHY WALK—to be GENUINE to others (v. 25)

BE MOTIVATED by a FAMILY community

This is the MOTIVATION: HONESTY STRENGTHENS OUR UNITY.

- b. With our WRATH—be GRACIOUS to others (v. 26-27)

BE MOTIVATED by the UNITY of the community

“Anger” that is guided by reason, not driven by passion, can be displayed as *“righteous indignation.”* With this word Paul commands us to controlled anger. Out of the three Greek words translated “anger” or “wrath,” this one can be good or bad depending on its MOTIVATION.

- c. With our WORK—GIVE to others (v. 28)

BE MOTIVATED by the NEEDS of the community

The three options that we have in life are to steal in order to GET, work in order to GAIN, or work in order to GIVE.

- d. With our WORDS—GROW others (29-30)

BE MOTIVATED by the MATURITY of the community

Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger [*attitude of anger being irritated by others*], wrath [*sudden outbursts of anger*], malice [*a desire to injure others*], blasphemy [*speech that tears others down*], filthy communication [*dirty jokes*] out of your mouth.

Psalms 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, ...” (Eph 4:30) — Paul gives us a motivating factor. Worthless, rotten speech *“grieves the Holy Spirit.”* To *“grieve”* is to afflict with sorrow.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech *be always* with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

e. With our **WITNESS**—be **GODLIKE** to others (31-32)

BE MOTIVATED by the **MERCY** of Christ

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that [*when*] the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto **Me** [*My witnesses*] both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

“Bitterness” speaks of a smoldering resentment and an unforgiving spirit.

“Wrath” speaks of burning indignation.

“Angry,” means to provoke or enrage; to become exasperated.


“Clamor” speaks of violent public outbursts.

“Evil speaking” carries the idea of public or private slander; whispering behind another’s back.

“Malice” simply is general evil covering anything that has been left out.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted [*compassionate*], forgiving one another, even as **God** for **Christ’s** sake hath forgiven you.

EXAMINE YOURSELF: Do you walk in truth? Do you control your anger? Do you work so that you can share with others? Do you speak words of grace to that it encourages and builds others up? Do you love others by forgiving them? **DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR STORY?**

 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!