



Sunday, January 5, 2020

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—VERTICALLY** before **GOD** (4:1-32)

In Ephesians 4, Paul addresses our *“worthy walk”* as it relates **VERTICALLY BEFORE GOD**. In these verses he addresses some key areas which help **PREPARE** the believer be more effective in his ministry **HORIZONTALLY TOWARD OTHERS**. In order for each of us to **HORIZONTALLY** minister to others, we must first take care of our **VERTICAL** relationship before God.

B. Walk **WORTHY—HORIZONTALLY** toward **OTHERS** (5:1-6:9)

1. Walk in **LOVE DISPLAYING** the **LOVE** of **CHRIST** (5:1-2)
2. Walk in **LIGHT REFLECTING** the **LIGHT** of **CHRIST** (5:3-14)
3. Walk in **WISDOM** in the **WORD** of **CHRIST** (5:15-17)
4. Walk in **STEP** with the **SPIRIT** of **CHRIST** (5:18-21)
5. Walk in **HARMONY** in the **WAY** of **CHRIST** (5:22-6:9)

a. Introduction: The Mystery of Marriage (5:31-33)

God designed marriage as the foundational institution of human society. Strong marriages undergird and strengthen the fabric of our society. Strong marriages cultivate strong families which produce productive members of society. Therefore, any attack on God’s design for marriage is an attack on society itself and upon God, the Creator of it. Marriage truly is a *“great mystery!”* God designed marriage for one man and one woman to be joined together in this life-long sacred union.

a. The **MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP** (5:22-33)

i. **GODLY WIVES** Practice **WILLFULLY LOVING SUBMISSION** (22-24)

GODLY WIVES practice WILLING and LOVING SUBMISSION as an ACT OF WORSHIP “as unto the Lord.” A “meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price.”

ii. **GODLY HUSBANDS** practice **SACRIFICIAL and SELFLESS LOVE** (25-33)

It is important we each of us maintain HUMILITY OF MIND, MEEKNESS TOWARD GOD, PATIENCE and LOVE TOWARD OTHERS, SEEKING A UNIFIED COMMUNITY as we seek to understand our OWN RESPONSIBILITIES within each section of teaching.



An important key to this passage is to keep in mind the context along with its sister passage—“be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5:18) and “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Col 3:16). GODLY HUSBANDS demonstrate being Spirit-filled and Word-filled as they SACRIFICIALLY AND SELFLESSLY LOVE their “wives, even as Christ also loved the church and, gave Himself for [her].”

a) The **PRECEPT of LOVE COMMANDED** (25a)

Agapao kind of love is not a feeling. It is, instead, an act of the will—a choice—a commitment to fulfill their covenant of love before God.

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him, “ ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.’ **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like unto it, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’”

b) The **PICTURE of LOVE ILLUSTRATED** (25b)

The picture of love is illustrated in the cross. This is the measuring rod with which a husband is to strive to measure his love with.



“_____ (husband, insert your name), love _____ (insert your wife’s name), even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for [her].”

1. The COVENANT of Godly Love

Jesus set the pattern of covenant love by committing Himself to doing the will of the Father no matter how those He would love would respond. (John 5:30; 6:38)

Matthew 20:28 Even as the **Son of Man** came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give **His** life a ransom for many.

How did Christ love? (Philippians 2:5-8)

MARRIAGE IS A **COVENANT** NOT A CONTRACT.



What then is the practical definition of this kind of love? What should Christ's sacrificial love look like in my life? How can I use it as the standard to measure my love with?

2. The CHARACTER of Godly Love

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. **35** By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another."

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, Paul uses 14 phrases to describe the character of Godly love.



Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN HARMONY in the WAY of CHRIST. GODLY HUSBANDS practice SACRIFICIAL and SELFLESS LOVE in OBEDIENCE as a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ. He is to follow the pattern of love set before him—he is to love his "*wife, even as Christ also loved the church and, gave Himself for [her].*"

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!