



Sunday, January 26, 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)

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. God designed marriage for one man and one woman to be joined together in this life-long sacred union.

b. 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)

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

c) The **PRACTICE of LOVE DEMONSTRATED** (26-32)

The **SUBMISSION PRINCIPLE** can be stated as humbling one’s self to the needs of others.

Note: The **CROSS-SHAPED LOVE** of Christ is rooted in sacrifice. He came to serve His bride, the church, in order to help make her what reach her full potential being everything that God intended her to be.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge [*know your wife intellectually*], giving honour [*value / respect*] unto the wife, as unto the [*physically*] weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered [*frustrated*].

Q: What does the husband need to understand about his wife?

A: He needs to understand who she is and who God wants her to be. He needs to understand her likes and dislikes; her feelings and fears; her hopes and dreams.

1. **DETERMINE a PURIFYING LOVE (26)**

To “*sanctify*” speaks of the purpose of being made holy through the cleansing work of Christ’s sacrifice. The church was “*sanctified,*” being set apart for sacred use.

Jesus didn’t love the loveliness of His bride, the church—He didn’t demonstrate this **CROSS-SHAPED LOVE** for her because she was lovable. **He loved the church so that she would become lovely.**

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the **Lord Jesus**, and by the **Spirit** of our **God**.

A PURIFYING LOVE has the PROCESS in mind. It seeks to help our wives on their journey of sanctification. It to encourage them in their pursuit of Christlikeness.

Jesus prayed that His followers would be sanctified through His Word (Joh 17:17).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of **God** is quick [*alive*], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder [*separates between*] of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2. DETERMINE a PERFECTING LOVE (27)

A PERFECTING LOVE has the PRODUCT in mind.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of **God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when **He** shall appear, we shall be like **Him**; for we shall see **Him** as **He** is.

Colossians 1:21-22 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath **He** reconciled **22** In the body of **His** flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in **His** sight:

Husbands, our PERFECTING LOVE looks forward to the day we stand before the Lord and give account for the life we lived.

Think of your wife on your wedding day. The day she was presented to you by her father. One day you will stand before your heavenly Father and present her to Him.

Will you be proud of the influence of your love upon her life? Will He say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant”?



Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN HARMONY in the WAY of CHRIST. GODLY HUSBANDS practice INTENTIONAL LOVE.

They determine to love their wife with a PURIFYING LOVE as well as a PERFECTING LOVE. A Godly husband DETERMINES to love his wife with the CROSS-SHAPED LOVE OF CHRIST.

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!