



Sunday, February 9, 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. 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)
- 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. *Wives*, as your husband is being addressed, humbly consider how you can come alongside him to **LOVINGLY** and **HUMBLY ENCOURAGE HIM** in his **OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD**, maintaining **PATIENCE WITH HIM** as HE **LEARNS** and **GROWS**.

- a) The **PRECEPT** of **LOVE COMMANDED** (25a)
- b) The **PICTURE** of **LOVE ILLUSTRATED** (25b)
- c) The **PRACTICE** of **LOVE DEMONSTRATED** (26-32)

To love with this cross-shaped “agapao” love of Christ, there must be a determination to love in this manner. The husband must determine to demonstrate this kind of Christlike love to his wife. Christlike love is demonstrated when a husband **DETERMINES TO LOVE**, seeking to love with the **SACRIFICIAL LOVE** of Christ.



“Is your wife more like Christ because she is married to you? Or, is she like Christ in spite of you?”

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

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.

2. **DETERMINE** a **PERFECTING LOVE** (27)

Husbands, our **PERFECTING LOVE** looks forward to the day we stand before the Lord and **GIVE ACCOUNT** for the **life we lived** and the **way we loved**.

3. **DETERMINE** a **PERSONAL LOVE** (28-30)

Together, these words, “*nourish*” and “*cherish*” speak to the overall care of a husband toward his wife. He is to care for her, not simply for her minimal existence, but for her every need seeking to promote in her a life that overflows. His goal is to help her reach her full potential.

4. **DETERMINE** a **PERMANENT LOVE** (31)

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

a. It is a **LOVE** that **LEAVES**

This a love that leaves, other relationships, as it sets a higher priority of loyalty upon their spouse.

b. It is a **LOVE** that **CLEAVES**

Paul speaks of the permanence of the marriage union. In God’s eyes, a marriage union is dissolved only by death.

Romans 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed [*released*] from the law of *her* husband.

In marriage, when we operate by God’s design, divorce is not a consideration for God hates divorce (**Mal 2:16**). When a husband sacrificially and selflessly loves his wife and she in turn willingly submits to his leadership, there is no need to consider divorce.

c. It is a LOVE that **WEAVES**

“...and they two shall be one flesh.” (**Eph 5:31**) – This phrase, “*one flesh*” speaks complete unity as two souls are united as one. Notice the harmony of unity. This speaks of the weaving process of the marriage relationship whereby two lives are woven into one.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: ...

A love that truly cleaves and weaves is a love that never fails.



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Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN HARMONY in the WAY of CHRIST. GODLY HUSBANDS practice INTENTIONAL LOVING INFLUENCE. They determine to love their wife with a PERMANENT LOVE that displays a progressing harmonious unity. It is A LOVE THAT LEAVES, setting a higher priority on their wife. It is A LOVE THAT CLEAVES, being joined permanently to her in a life-long sacred union. It is also A LOVE THAT WEAVES together each other’s personalities and desires.

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!