



Sunday, August 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 (Ephesians 1:1-3:21)**



A deeper study of these passages can be found on our YouTube channel in the “Ephesians” playlist.



II. **The Walk of the Believer (Ephesians 4:1-6:9)**

A. **Walk Worthy—Vertically before God** (Ephesians 4:1-32)

B. **Walk Worthy—Horizontally toward Others** (Ephesians 5:1-6:9)

The message of Paul’s letter to the saints in Ephesus can be simplified as LOOK UP, LOOK IN, and LOOK OUT. The first 3 chapters directs us to LOOK UPWARD and see God for Who He is and what He has done.

Here in chapter 5 we are directed to LOOK OUTWARD and see others as God sees them.

CONTEXT: Paul is speaking about our INFLUENCE in our WORTHY WALK, HORIZONTALLY toward others.

1. Walk in Ministry, FULFILLING CHRIST'S Purpose for You (Eph. 4:11-12)
2. Walk in Love, DISPLAYING CHRIST'S Love for You (Ephesians 5:1-2)
3. Walk in Light REFLECTING CHRIST'S Light in You (Ephesians 5:3-14)
4. Walk in Step with the Spirit, SUBMITTING to CHRIST'S Spirit in You (Ephesians 5:18-21)

Our Worthy Walk FORWARD with SUBMISSIVE MINISTRY MINDEDNESS
(Ephesians 5:21)

5. Walk in Submission, SERVING OTHERS around You (Ephesians 5:21)

**SERVING OTHERS
IN SUBMISSION
TO GOD**

Biblical submission does not refer to equality but HIERARCHY. It carries the idea of *willingly placing yourself under*. This command is for a WILLING SUBMISSION.

Paul clarifies the **MOTIVATING FACTOR**. Our submission to others is not because of fearing others but instead because we fear God (Proverbs 9:10).

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the **LORD** *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise **Wisdom** and instruction.

a. The Role of Humility

Biblical *submission* fights against pride. Pride DEMANDS ONE'S OWN WAY while HUMILITY GIVES WAY—it does not demand its own rights.

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention [*strife*]: but with the well advised *is* **Wisdom**.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of *you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for **God** resisteth the proud [*the one insisting on his own way*], and giveth grace [*divine help*] to the humble [*the one submitting to God's way*].

b. Some **Examples** of Humility

Each of these examples of humility were used by God to ministry to the hearts of those in their Jerusalem. They had a ministry of Gospel influence because of a submissive ministry mindedness.

i. Jesus' Humble **Mindset** (Philippians 2:5)

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do **Mine** own will, but the will of **Him** that sent me.

John 6:40 And this is the will of **Him** that sent **Me**, that every one which seeth the **Son**, and believeth on **Him**, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Jesus' submission in His ministry (John 13:4-5, 12-17).

Jesus' submission leading to His death (Luke 22:41-44).

Jesus' submission in His death (Philippians 2:5-8).

ii. Stephen's Humility in **Ministry** (Acts 7:54-60)

iii. Paul's Humility as a **Missionary** (Acts 16:25-31)

Paul's testimony of submissive ministry mindedness reveals a man who sought to serve others in submission to God at any cost (2 Corinthians 11:23-27).



Do you find yourself fighting against the roadblocks of life?

What is the effect of your influence upon those in your Jerusalem?



Our **WORTHY WALK** is marked by **SUBMISSIVE MINISTRY MINDEDNESS**. We are to walk in **SUBMISSION, SERVING OTHERS**, seeking to meet their greatest needs as we **SUBMIT TO**

GOD.

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!