



Sunday, September 13, 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)

Our goal is to consider “Our Worthy Walk” and seek to grow in our understanding of how to “Walk with the Lord to the praise of His glory.”

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

We note that our understanding of the principles of God’s Word will lead to the practice of God’s ways.

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 for more effective ministry horizontally toward others. In order for each of us to faithfully minister to others horizontally, we must first seek to faithfully cultivate our fellowship with God, vertically.

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

Here in Ephesians 5, Paul is speaking about our REDEMPITIVE INFLUENCE in our WORTHY WALK, HORIZONTALLY toward others.

1. Walk in Love, DISPLAYING CHRIST’S Love for You (5:1-2)
2. Walk in Light, REFLECTING CHRIST’S Light in You (5:3-14)

3. Walk in **Wisdom**, LIVING the WORD of CHRIST before You (5:15-17)
4. Walk in the **Spirit**, being in Step with CHRIST'S SPIRIT in You (5:18-21)
5. Walk in **Harmony**, in the Way CHRIST has for You (5:22-6:9)



A deeper study of these passages can be found on our YouTube channel in the "Ephesians" playlist and also on our website (www.PIBCNY.com).



It is important that each of us maintain an Ephesians 4:1-3 mindset. This is HUMILITY OF MIND, MEEKNESS BEFORE GOD, PATIENCE and LOVE TOWARD OTHERS, SEEKING A UNIFIED COMMUNITY as we seek to understand our OWN RESPONSIBILITIES within each section of teaching. Each of us need to humbly consider how we can come alongside others to LOVINGLY and HUMBLY ENCOURAGE THEM in THEIR OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD, maintaining PATIENCE WITH THEM as THEY LEARN and GROW.

a. The **Marriage** Relationship (Ephesians 5:22-33)

i. Godly Wives **Practice** willing and loving **Submission** (22-24)

Colossians 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

a) A **willing** attitude—"submit yourselves"

b) A **loving** attitude—"your own husband"

Submission is another display of love. It takes sacrifice and selflessness to submit in a Godly way.

c) An attitude of **worship**—"as unto the Lord"

Biblical **submission** does not refer to **PASSIVITY** but **INTENTIONALITY**.

Consider the great place of influence in submission: (1 Peter 3:1-4)

ii. Godly Husbands **practice** Sacrificial and Selfless **Love** (25-32)

a) The **Picture** of Love **Illustrated** (25)

We are commanded to LOVE GOD SUPREMEY and in turn LOVE OTHERS SACRIFICIALLY (Matthew 22:37-39).

b) The **Practice** of Love **demonstrated** (Eph. 5:26-32)

1. Determine a **Purifying** Love (26)

“Is our wife more like Christ because she’s married to us? Or, is she like Christ in spite of us?” (Hughes, Ephesians, 192)

2. Determine a **Perfecting** Love (27)

3. Determine a **Personal** Love (28-30)

4. Determine a **permanent** Love (31)

Marriage is a **covenant** not a contract.

5. Determine a **profound** Love (32)

c) The **Precepts** of Love **Reminded** (Ephesians 5:33)



The key question a Godly husband seeks to ask himself is, “Does my love for my wife reveal the characteristics of Christ’s love for His church?”



Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN HARMONY** in the **WAY** of **CHRIST**. **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.*”

GODLY HUSBANDS practice **INTENTIONAL LOVE**. They determine to love their wife with a **PROFOUND LOVE**. A Godly husband **DETERMINES** to love his wife with the **CROSS-SHAPED LOVE OF CHRIST**. **GODLY HUSBANDS** practice **SACRIFICIAL** and **SELFLESS LOVE**.

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!