



Sunday, September 20, 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)

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)
- B. Walk **WORTHY**—**HORIZONTALLY** toward **OTHERS** (5:1-6:9)
 - 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. The **Marriage** Relationship (Ephesians 5:22-33)
 - i. Godly **WIVES** Practice **Willing** and **Loving SUBMISSION** (5:22-24)
 - ii. Godly **HUSBANDS** practice **Sacrificial** and **Selfless LOVE** (5:25-33)

b. The **Family** Relationships (Ephesians 6:1-4)

Ministering to the heart: (Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 12:34; Proverbs 4:23)

i. Godly **CHILDREN** Practice **Loving** and
Submissive OBEDIENCE (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Psalm 127:3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the **LORD**: *and* the fruit of the womb *is His* reward.

a) The **Precept** of Obedience **Commanded** (1)

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: ...” (Ephesians 6:1) – To “*obey*” carries the action of *listening* with the attitude of *submission*.

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the **Lord**.

Proverbs 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

b) The **Practice** of Respect **Determined** (2a)

“Honor thy father and mother;...” (Ephesians 6:2) – To “*honor*” is to set a value upon something.

1. Determine to Obey **Quickly**
2. Determine to Obey **Sweetly**
3. Determine to Obey **Completely**

c) The **Promise** of Blessing **Motivated** (2b-3)

ii. Godly **FATHERS** practice **Loving** **AUTHORITY** (4)

DUTY = “I **have** to!” vs. **DEVOTION** = “I **get** to!”

a) The **Precept** of Love Commanded (4a)

This Greek word translated, “*provoke to wrath*,” carries the idea anger, irritation, and frustration leading to resentment.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

b) The **Practice** of Love Determined (4b)

To “*bring them up*” speaks of rearing up to maturity. The goal is redemptive as we seek to help them come to **KNOW JESUS** and then help them to **GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS**.

In Deuteronomy 6, we see God’s command to parents which has not changed.

1. Teach them **Who** God is (Deuteronomy 6:4)
 2. Teach them to **Love** God (Deu. 6:5)
 3. Teach them to **Obe**y God (Deu. 6:6)
 4. Show them how to **Follow** God (Deu. 6:7)
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Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN HARMONY** in the **WAY** of **CHRIST**. **GODLY CHILDREN** practice **INTENTIONAL LOVING OBEDIENCE**, with attitudes of **SURRENDER**, **LOVE**, **WORSHIP**, and **SUBMISSION**. They **DETERMINE** to obey their parents **QUICKLY**, **SWEETLY**, and **COMPLETELY**. **GODLY PARENTS** practice **INTENTIONAL LOVING AUTHORITY**. They determine to love their children by teaching through their own example and love for God.

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!