



Sunday, October 18, 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)

III. The **Warfare** of the Believer (Ephesians 6:10-20)

A. **Introduction**

B. **Instruction:** how to **stand fast** in the battle (Ephesians 6:10-12)

We must follow the instructions for the battle: being invincible with God’s power, intentionally prepared, immovable being protected by God’s armor, and informed about the perpetrator of the battle.

C. **Instruments:** how to **face** the battle (Ephesians 6:13-17)

1. God’s **Precept** for our **stability** in Warfare (v. 13)

- a. He obeys because he **realizes** his **vulnerability**—“*take unto you the whole armor of God*”
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2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of **God**;

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will [*the desire*] is present with me [*I have the desire to do good*]; but how to perform [*the ability*] that which is good I find not [*I have no power to carry out what is good*].

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels [*clay/frail pot*], that the excellency of the [*miraculous*] power may be of **God**, and not of us.

- b. He obeys because he **desires** a life of **stability**—“*that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day*”

The picture of the Roman soldier is before us yet, most likely, the Paul’s use of this illustration is rooted in picture of Christ as the mighty warrior of the O.T. (Psalm 24; Isaiah 11:5; Isaiah 59:16-17)

2 Corinthians 12:9 And **He** said unto me, “**My** grace is sufficient for thee: for **My** strength is made perfect in weakness.” “Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of **Christ** may rest upon me.”

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through **Christ** which strengtheneth me.

- c. He obeys because he **worships** with a life of **intentionality**—“*and having done all, to stand*”

Our vulnerabilities reveal our weakness. As we learn to intentionally rely upon God’s power it brings stability which enables us to live a life of consistent worship.

2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness [*suffering / affliction*], as a good soldier of **Jesus Christ**.

2 Timothy 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth [*to get mixed up in*] himself with the affairs of *this* life [*everyday, civilian life*]; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Romans 13:11-12 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time [*the critical time*] to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Romans 13:14 But put ye on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after [*according to / based upon*] the image of **Him** that created him:

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect [*chosen*] of **God**, holy [*set apart*] and beloved [*loved*], bowels of mercies [*a heart of compassion*], kindness [*gentleness*], humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering [*patience*];

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as **Christ** forgave you, so also do ye.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness [*completeness/ spiritual maturity*].

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of **God** rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Having the “*peace of God*” is contingent upon our having the “*Word of God*.”

Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of **Christ** dwell in you richly [*abundantly*] in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the **Lord**.



Our WARFARE is fought with the INSTRUMENTS of God. We are able to FACE the battle when we INTENTIONALLY STAND READY with the ARMOR OF GOD. The sinner obeys because he realizes his VULNERABILITY, and because he desires a life of STABILITY as he WORSHIPS with a life of INTENTIONALITY.

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!