



Sunday, October 25, 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)

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- I. The **Wealth** of the Believer (Ephesians 1:1-3:21)
 - II. The **Walk** of the Believer (Ephesians 4:1-6:9)
 - III. The **Warfare** of the Believer (Ephesians 6:10-20)

A. Introduction

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

With the believer’s INSTRUCTIONS, Paul teaches us that we can STAND FAST in the battle when we INTENTIONALLY RELY upon the POWER OF GOD.

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

Now, as we consider the believer’s INSTRUMENTS, Paul teaches us that we can FACE the battle when we INTENTIONALLY STAND READY with the ARMOR OF GOD.

1. God’s Precept for our stability in Warfare (Ephesians 6:13)

“...that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,...” – The word “evil” is the Geek word, “ponēros” similar to our word pernicious, which speaks of something that is malicious or wicked, causing insidious harm or ruin. This “evil day” is the day of temptation.

2. God's **Protection** for our **security** in Warfare (Eph. 6:14-17a)

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after **God** is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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

i. He is **rooted** in **truth** (Ephesians 6:14a)

Isaiah 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of **His** loins, and faithfulness the girdle of **His** reins.

"...having your loins girt about with truth, ..." – To *"girt about"* implies preparation or readiness for an activity

"Truth" – speaks of content that is in contrast to falsehood. It also can be defined as truthfulness in terms of sincerity or honesty which is opposed to hypocrisy. There is also an underlying implication of commitment.

a) He is **diligent** in his **preparation**

Ephesians 4:21 If so be that ye have heard **Him**, and have been taught by **Him**, as the truth is in **Jesus**:

Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received **Christ Jesus** the **Lord**, so walk ye in **Him**: **7** Rooted and built up in **Him**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Ephesians 3:17-18 That **Christ** may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** May be able to comprehend [*grasp*] with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height [*the vastness and completeness of God's love*];

1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope [*confident trust*] to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of **Jesus Christ**;

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of **Jesus Christ**.
4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

b) He is **determined** in his **pursuits**

1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain [*the prize / run in order to win*].

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,


c) He is **dedicated** to truthfulness in his **practice**

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into **Him** in all things, **Which** is the head, *even Christ*:

Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another [*one body in Christ*].

Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of **Christ**;

2 Timothy 4:6-7 For I am now ready to be offered [*as a drink offering*], and the time of my departure [*imp. his death*] is at hand. **7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my course* [*the race*], I have kept the faith:

 Our WARFARE is fought with the INSTRUMENTS of God. Our protection for the spiritual battles of life begins with truth. This phrase, "*having your loins girt about with truth*," is a call for readiness which is being ROOTED IN TRUTH. To "*gird*" or fasten on the belt of "*truth*" is to be DILIGENT IN OUR PREPARATION, DETERMINED IN OUR PURSUITS, but also DEDICATED TO TRUTHFULNESS IN OUR PRACTICE.

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!