



Sunday, November 1, 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 (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)
2. God’s **Protection** for our **security** in Warfare (v. 14-17a)
 - i. He is **rooted** in **truth** (v. 6:14a)

[?] “Do I really want to fight him at all? Am I sincere about this spiritual warfare?”

ii. He is **righteous** in his **testimony** (v. 6:14b)

❓ “Am I living the kind of life that enables me to engage in this conflict?”

Christ, the mighty Warrior, is described as wearing righteousness as a breastplate (Isaiah 59:17).

a) **Personal** Righteousness brings **Condemnation**
(Philippians 3:4-7)

Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for **Christ**.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

b) **Positional** Righteousness brings **Justification**
(Philippians 3:8-9)

Righteousness speaks of a **right** relationship to God.

What Paul had previously “*counted*” a “*gain*,” now through spiritual eyes he sees that they were only a detriment to his knowledge of the Holy One. His intimacy with Christ was hindered because of the value he placed the things of this world.

1) Being “in Him” **not** according to **Works-**
Righteousness

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in **His** sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to **His** mercy **He** saved us, by the washing of regeneration [*new birth/ born again*], and renewing of the **Holy Ghost**;

2) Being “in Him” according to **Faith-**
Righteousness

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of **God**: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

c) Practical Righteousness brings Sanctification
(Philippians 3:10-14)

? “And be found in *Him*,...” – But is HE found in me?

1) The Sacrifice in Pursuing the Prize (Philippians 3:11)

2) The State of mind in Pursuing the Prize
(Philippians 3:12-14)

i) A Sanctified Dissatisfaction (v. 12-13a)

ii) A Sole Devotion (v. 13b)

iii) A Single Direction (v. 13c)

iv) A Steadfast Determination (v. 12 & 14)

1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of **God**, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.



Our WARFARE is fought with the INSTRUMENTS of God. Our protection for the spiritual battles of life continues with RIGHTEOUSNESS IN OUR TESTIMONY. We are to pursue a life of sanctification always spiritually under construction. It is a life characterized by proper SACRIFICE and STATE OF MIND. We are to have a SANCTIFIED DISSATISFACTION, a SOLE DEVOTION, a SINGLE DIRECTION, and a STEADFAST DETERMINATION.

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.*)



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Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!