



Sunday, September 27, 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)

A. Walk **WORTHY—VERTICALLY** before **GOD** (4:1-32)

B. Walk **WORTHY—HORIZONTALLY** toward **OTHERS** (5:1-6:9)

Keep in mind the context that this section falls within. Paul is speaking about our **REDEPTIVE 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. The **Marriage** Relationship (Ephesians 5:22-33)
 - i. Godly **WIVES** Practice **Willing** and **Loving SUBMISSION** (22-24)
 - ii. Godly **HUSBANDS** practice **Sacrificial** and **Selfless LOVE** (25-33)
 - b. The **Family** Relationships (Ephesians 6:1-4)
 - i. Godly **CHILDREN** Practice **Loving** and **Submissive OBEDIENCE** (1-3)
 - ii. Godly **FATHERS** practice **Loving** **AUTHORITY** (4)

c. The **Work** Relationships (6:5-9)

The Gospel is the great reconciler. As enemies are reconciled to Christ they can be united with each other in a relationship of harmony and peace (Ephesians 2:11-15).

? Is there a difference between secular work and sacred work?

i. Godly Employees Practice **Loving** and **Submissive** OBEDIENCE (Ephesians 6:5-8)

Titus 2:9-10 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not answering again; **10** Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of **God** our **Saviour** in all things.

a) The **Precept** of OBEDIENCE Commanded—“*be obedient*” (Ephesians 6:5a)

Colossians 3:22 Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; but in singleness of heart, fearing **God**.”

b) The **Practice** of OBEDIENCE Determined (Ephesians 6:5b-7)

1. The Right **Upward Awe**—“*with fear and trembling*” (Ephesians 6:5b)

2. The Right **Upward Attention**—“*in singleness of heart, as unto Christ*” (Eph. 6:5c)

3. The Right **Outward Attention**—“*not with eyeservice*” (Ephesians 6:6a)

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the **LORD**, and **He** pondereth [*carefully*] all his goings.

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or **God**? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should NOT be the servant of **Christ**.

4. The Right **Inward Attitude**—“*doing the will of God from the heart*” (Ephesians 6:6b-7)

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily [*from the soul*], as to the **Lord**, and not unto men;

c) The **Promise** that OBEDIENCE Motivates (8)

Colossians 3:24 Knowing that of the **Lord** ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the **Lord Christ**.

Colossians 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

ii. Godly Employers Practice **Loving** AUTHORITY (Ephesians 6:9)

Colossians 4:1 Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a **Master** in heaven.

a) Your **Motivating**—“*forbearing threatening*”

b) Your **Master**—“*knowing that your Master also is in heaven*”



Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN HARMONY** in the **WAY of CHRIST**. **GODLY EMPLOYEE** practice **INTENTIONAL LOVING OBEDIENCE**, with the Right **UPWARD AWE**, seeking the Right **UPWARD** and **OUTWARD ATTENTION**, all with the **RIGHT INWARD ATTITUDE**.

GODLY EMPLOYERS practice **INTENTIONAL LOVING AUTHORITY**. They **DETERMINE** to use the right kind of **MOTIVATION** as they serve their **MASTER** in heaven.

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!