



Sunday, November 29, 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 (Ephesians 6:14-17a)
3. God’s Provision for our success in Warfare (Ephesians 6:17b)

☐ “Have I learned the art of offensive warfare?”

With the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, the soldier of Christ displays conquering FAITH.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to **God**. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

a. The Substance of the “Word of God”—It is Truth

i. It is pure (Psalm 12:6)

Psalm 12:6 The words of the **LORD** *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. [cf. Proverb 30:5]

ii. It is eternal (1 Peter 1:25)

iii. It is dependable (Psalm 19:7, 9)

John 17:17 Sanctify them through **Thy** truth: **Thy** Word is truth.

iv. It is powerful (Hebrews 4:12)

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of **God** *is* quick [*alive*], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder [*separates between*] of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents [*intentions*] of the heart.

v. It is purposeful (Isaiah 55:11)

The Word of God is to effectively bring about a life of worship.

b. The Sufficiency of the “Word of God”—It is Trustworthy

i. To Rescue the Soul (Psalm 19:7a)

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of **Christ**: for it is the power of **God** unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [cf. 2 Timothy 3:15]

ii. To Redirect the Life (Psalm 19:7b)

Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to **Thy** word.

iii. To **Rejoices** the Heart (Psalm 19:8a)

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience [*hopeful endurance*] and comfort [*encouragement*] of the Scriptures might have hope [*patient confidence*].

iv. To **Renew** the Mind (Psalm 19:8b-9)

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed [*changed into something useful*] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of **God**.

v. To **Reward** Obedience (Psalm 19:10-11)

c. The **Success** of the “Word of God”—We **Triumph**

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Christ’s example in Matthew 4.

Psalm 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the **LORD**; and in **His** law doth he meditate day and night.

The art of meditation is seeking personal application of the truths of God’s Word.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of **God**, and *is* profitable [*beneficial*] for doctrine [*teaching what is truth*], for reproof [*conviction of sin / what is wrong*], for correction [*how to make the wrong right*], for instruction in righteousness [*how to stay right*]:



Our WARFARE is fought with the INSTRUMENTS of God. His PROVISION for our SUCCESS in our spiritual battles of life is found in His Word. With the SUBSTANCE of God’s Word, we find TRUTH. With the SUFFICIENCY of God’s Word, we find it TRUSTWORTHY. With the SUCCESS of God’s Word, we TRIUMPH.

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!