

CHRIST CENTERED DISCIPLESHIP

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**LIVING A LIFE IN WHICH
THE GOSPEL
IS YOUR DRIVING FORCE**

SESSION ONE

MATTHEW 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

A DISCIPLE IS:

- ❖ A DEVOTED LEARNER OF JESUS AS THEIR _____.
- ❖ A DETERMINED FOLLOWER OF JESUS AS THEIR MASTER AND _____.
- ❖ A DEPENDENT BELIEVER ON JESUS AS THEIR GREAT HIGH _____.

Hebrews 4:14 - Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

1. A disciple of Jesus is not some higher level of the Christian experience. The word 'disciple' is a _____ for an authentic Christian!

Luke 9:24-25 - For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

Authentic Christians are commanded to:

- 1) MAKE DISCIPLES
- 2) BAPTIZE THEM
- 3) TEACH THEM

Matthew 4:19 - Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

2. Jesus is teaching us that there is more to being a disciple than merely 'following Jesus alone'; but being a faithful disciple of Jesus also involves _____ other disciples of Jesus.
3. True discipleship involves building _____ with them, which centers on the gospel of Jesus.
4. No disciple ever _____ from their study and contemplation of the gospel.
5. We love Him because He _____ loved us. – I John 4:19

John 15:8 – "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples".

John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

6. The key to being a 'Fruitful Disciple' is to continue to make your home in intimacy with Jesus and the truths of His great love for us, which are revealed in the glorious _____.

John 15:9 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love".

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:5 - Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

7. The love of God has been poured out in your heart, so that this 'River of Love' might be continually _____ in your heart, as a disciple of Jesus.



God's great love for us, floods into our heart, like a mighty rushing river!

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8. It is this amazing love that every disciple is to remain 'at home in', and to continue to rest in, rejoice in, and _____ on.

Jesus says, abide in my love for you! So a disciple should continually meditate on His love for them.

- He loved you before you existed!
- He loved you when you existed as a rebel sinner against Him!
- He loved you when He was paying for your sins on the Cross!
- He loved you when He redeemed you!
- He loves you now, and He will love you forever: and
- He loves you unconditionally!

A disciple is to abide in the glorious truths of His love:

- By cherishing the reality that you are reconciled to God!
- You are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
- You are adopted into the family of God!
- You are complete in union with Him!
- You have been called out of darkness and into His marvelous light!
- You are accepted in the beloved One, and it is not because of your performance; but because of the **person** of Jesus Christ, the **payment** of Jesus Christ, and the **performance** of Jesus Christ!

9. When a disciple continues to abide in the sweet and sacred atmosphere of "JESUS" supernatural love for him, it will produce a continual exercise of his love for Jesus, and a continual passion and purpose to be a fruitful disciple for the _____ of God.

John 20:21 - So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, **I also send you.**"

The disciple is sent out in:

I. THE POWER

Matthew 28:18b - "All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and earth".

Jesus is:

OMNIPOTENT

OMNISCIENCE

OMNIPRESENT

- A. He has the 'Unlimited Power' to send us forth into the world, with hearts and tongues of _____.
- B. All of the opposition of Satan against the disciples of Jesus will ultimately be used to further God's plan to accomplish His great _____.

John 17:2 - "...as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him."

II. THE PLAN

Matthew 28:19a - "As you are going, make disciples of all nations."

God's plan is revealed instructing us that as we are going to be:

Making Disciples

Baptizing Disciples and

Teaching Disciples

A. Declare His Word

Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature."

Luke 24:46-49 - Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

B. Demonstrate His Word

Matthew 28:19b – “**Baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:40-41a – And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation”. Then those who gladly received his word were **baptized**....

1. This issue of demonstrating the Word by “going public in believer’s baptism” was an act that required personal _____ in the 1st century.

Romans 6:3-4 – Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2. This baptism is demonstrating in an external way, exactly what it means to become a _____ of Jesus.

C. DISCIPLE THEM IN THE WORD

Matthew 28:20a – “Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

1. The things which you have learned and received and heard and saw in me, these _____, and the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:9

I Corinthians 11:1 – Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

2. Is the Word of God stopping with you; or are the words of Jesus and the life of Jesus pouring through you to _____?

III. THE PROMISE

Matthew 28:20b – “...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Amen

- A. You must notice that the promise of His presence is connected with your commitment to obey the _____.

THE ULTIMATE PRIZE OF AN AUTHENTIC DISCIPLE

SESSION TWO

Matthew 10:24-25a – “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.”

Romans 12:2 – And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1. Our Lord and Savior is defining the evidences of the passion and prize of an _____ disciple.

2. And the disciple's were first called _____ at Antioch.
Acts 11:26b

Acts 26:28 – Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

I Peter 4:16 – Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

3. The word ‘DISCIPLE’ is used on _____ occasions in the New Testament.

4. Every authentic disciple is a Christian; every Christian is a _____ disciple.

Acts 6:1a - Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying...

Acts 6:2a - Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples...

Acts 6:7 - Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...

5. If a person is not a disciple, they are not a _____.

Matthew 28:19a – Go therefore and make disciples...

Mark 16:15a - ...Go and preach the gospel...

Acts 14:21a - And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples...

6. The ultimate goal and the highest prize for the authentic disciple of Jesus is to be _____ in Christ-likeness.

Christ-likeness should be the Christian's:

PRIORITY PURPOSE PASSION AND PRIZE !

THE DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF THIS ULTIMATE GOAL:

Matthew 10:24-25 - "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!"

I. A HUMBLE SUBMISSION TO HIS MASTER

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master". – Matthew 10:24a

Jesus is the Teacher!
Jesus is the Master!

We are the student!
We are His slaves!

- A. This humble submission must begin in the _____ of the disciple.

Luke 10:39 - And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

1. We cannot sit at the literal feet of Jesus today; but we can place our lives at His feet, by daily sitting before His word, with a receptive mind and a devoted _____.
2. There are many 'Martha's' who are busily involved in religious activity, but who are continually neglecting the "One Needed Thing" of infinitely greater _____. – Luke 10:38-42

II Corinthians 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

THERE MUST BE TIME OF:

- CONTEMPLATION IN HIS WORD
- REFLECTION ON HIS WORD AND
- APPLICATION OF HIS WORD

3. Certainly, we must all agree that "Sitting at Jesus' Feet" with a receptive mind, and a devoted heart, should be the essential _____ for the disciple of Jesus!

4. "Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and _____ of Me".
Matthew 11:28-29a



JESUS SAID, "MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT"

5. Every disciple of Jesus is called to take the yoke of humble submission to His instruction, for the purpose of practical _____.

6. When the Lord Jesus says to His disciples, "Take My yoke upon you", He is referring to the same yoke that He wore when He walked on the Earth, as the Son of _____.

John 4:34 - Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work".

John 6:38 - "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me".

Philippians 2:5-8 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

B. This humble submission must be manifested in the surrendered _____ of the disciple.

...Nor the servant above His Lord... - Matthew 10:24b

1. Lord, what do you want me to do? – Acts 9:6b
2. Are you learning what Jesus has to teach concerning every area of your life? Are you _____ what you are learning?

John 8:31 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed".

ONLY TWO CHOICES FOR US:

DUTY OR MUTINY

Matthew 7:21 - "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven".

3. A life of humble submission of the mind and will is the authentic _____ that you are a disciple.

James 1:22 - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

4. The Lord Jesus is not satisfied with the leaves of hearing the Word; He is only satisfied with the _____ of obedience.

Luke 8:18a – "Therefore take heed how you hear".

5. You are to 'receive The Word' as if you are a soldier on a battlefield, far away from home; and you have just received a 'Love Letter' from your _____.



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6. Jesus Christ has the right to be Master of every _____
of our lives.

Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do in word or deed; do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:23 - And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men...

7. Lord, is there anything that is taking place in my life, that is not _____ to You?

II. A LIFE OF GENUINE EMULATION OF HIS MASTER

"It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher and a servant like his master." – Matthew 10:25a

- A. There is only one thing that can satisfy a disciple of Jesus Christ; and that is to be ascending in the moral _____ of His teacher.

Philippians 3:12-14 - Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE AUTHENTIC DISCIPLE AND THE SERIOUS PURSUIT OF A LIFE OF PRACTICAL HOLINESS

SESSION THREE

Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

Revelation 21:27 - But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

1. This is primarily a Jewish congregation who are professing to be _____ of the Lord Jesus.
2. The author of Hebrews has been giving them numerous _____ throughout the book.

Hebrews 2:3a - How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?...

Hebrews 3:6 - But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Hebrews 3:14 - For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end...

DUAL THEME FOUND IN HEBREWS

1. Exalting The Glory & Majesty Of Jesus Christ
2. A Warning & Exhortation To Persevere To The End

3. There were some "professing disciples", who had made an apparent good start in the race; but they were in danger of making a tragic _____.

Matthew 7:21 - "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven".

John 10:27a - My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
[The original meaning is: they continue to follow Me.]

Hebrews 11:6a - But without faith it is impossible to please Him...

Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:...

I. THE CALL TO A DILIGENT PURSUIT OF PRACTICAL HOLINESS

A. Since God has delivered us from wrath, we must follow Him on the 'Highway of Holiness', which leads to _____.

B. But as He who called you is holy you also be holy in _____ of your conduct. – I Peter 1:15

Ephesians 1:4 - ...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...

Romans 8:29a - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...

C. The destiny of every born again believer is to be conformed into the _____ likeness of Jesus.

A common term used to describe 'Disciple' is the
word 'Saints'!

Saints means "HOLY ONES"

I Corinthians 1:30 - But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

D. If you claim to be a justified disciple of Jesus, then you are _____ to 'pursue holiness'.

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS DILIGENT PURSUIT OF PRACTICAL HOLINESS

- A. To pursue holiness is to seek after holiness with great devotion, determination and _____.



I Peter 1:13 - Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ...

I Timothy 4:7b - ...exercise yourself toward godliness.

- B. The disciple's pursuit of holiness is to be a _____ pursuit.

- C. The disciple's pursuit of holiness is a _____ pursuit.

*He who thinks that he is holy enough
has no holiness at all. - Charles Spurgeon*

Psalms 17:15 - As for me, I will see your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in your likeness.

I Thessalonians 4:3a - For this is the will of God, your sanctification...

III. THE NATURE OF THE OBJECT OF THE DISCIPLE'S PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Sanctification means 'to be set apart for a special purpose'.

It is to be set apart **from** a former use; and to be set apart **unto** a new use.

Romans 6:19 - I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

I Thessalonians 4:7 - For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

II Timothy 2:20-21 - But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

- A. To pursue sanctification is to follow after a life that is set apart from our flesh's agendas; and set apart unto God's _____ for your life.

II Corinthians 7:1 - Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

II Corinthians 6:16b - As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

II Corinthians 6:18 - "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

- B. The negative side of this pursuit is seen in these words: "Let us cleanse ourselves from _____ filthiness of the flesh and spirit".

I John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

- C. The positive side of this pursuit is seen in these words; 'Perfecting holiness in the fear of the _____'.
- D. But now having been set free from sin and having become servants of God, you are having your _____ unto holiness and the end eternal life. – Romans 6:22

IV. SOME PRACTICAL MEANS IN THE DISCIPLE'S PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

- A. We must spend quality time studying and cherishing the scriptures.

Psalms 119:9 & 11 - How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.- - - & - - - Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

John 17:17 - Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

B. We must keep our eyes fixed on our Lord Jesus in a confident _____ on Him.



Hebrews 12:1-2 - Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

C. We must _____ for practical holiness.

V. THE CONSEQUENCES WHEN ONE NEGLECTS THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Hebrews 12:14b - ...without which no man shall see the Lord:...

A. No one will know the reality of holiness perfected in Heaven, who does not know the reality of the holiness pursued on the _____.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

B. There is only one highway that leads to Heaven; and it is the highway of _____.

*No one gets to Heaven when he dies,
who does not have Heaven in his heart
while he lives. - Matthew Henry*

I John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

THE DISCIPLE AND HIS BATTLE WITH TEMPTATION

SESSION FOUR

James 1:13-16 - Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

1. The Lord allows adversity to refine our faith; but the devil attacks with temptations, in an attempt to _____ our faith.

James 1:12 - Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

2. The trials are something to be endured for victory; and the temptations are something to be _____ for victory.
3. Nothing examines the maturity and integrity of our faith like our _____ to temptation.

We deal with 3 enemies daily:

- **An External Enemy – The World System**
- **An Infernal Enemy – The Devil**
- **An Internal Enemy – Our Own Flesh**

I. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE REALITY OF TEMPTATION

Let no man say when he is tempted... - James 1:13a

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- A. The fact that we will be tempted to sin against God is an _____ reality.
- B. The more that we grow in the Lord, the more we are _____ by the enemy of their soul.
- C. James is reminding us that these temptations are common to all _____.



I Corinthians 10:13a - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man...

I Corinthians 10:12 - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

II. WE MUST REALIZE THE ROOT OF TEMPTATION

Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God";... - James 1:13a

- A. James is saying, do not even remotely suggest that God is the cause of _____ temptations.
- B. Throughout the centuries, man has attempted to place the blame for their sin on _____ else.
- C. It is our own desires, which are responding to Satan's 'fiery missiles', which are the root cause that produces _____.

Jeremiah 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

Romans 7:17-18 - But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

- D. The root of the problem is not only the tempter on the outside; the root of the problem is also the traitor on the _____.

E. We are morally responsible for every sin that occurs in our _____.

F. Disciples are drawn to sin, when we attempt to satisfy a genuine 'God-given desire' in a worldly or fleshly _____.

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
James 1:14

Philippians 1:23 - For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

G. If we ignore the deadly danger within, or falsely imagine that it has been eradicated, we are living in a _____ position.

III. WE MUST RESIST THE ROUTINE OF TEMPTATION

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin: and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. – James 1:14-15

A. The enticement of the emotions:

1. Enticement – Satan wants to take our natural desires and pervert them into obsessive lusts; so that you might be 'drawn away' from the Highway of _____.
2. Satan offers his bait, by enticing our emotions, with some external object, which promises pleasure or _____.
3. But we are actually 'drawn away' by our own sinful _____.
4. Suddenly, the bait is presented; and our emotions are being drawn away by something that appears to be _____.



B. The seducing of the mind:

1. Seduce – Satan uses the bait to deceive us in our thinking _____.
2. Be sober and vigilant so that you do not conform yourself to your former lusts, as in your _____. – I Peter 1:13-14

C. The indulging of the will:

1. Indulge – A conscious choice to pursue this desire in a way that is in rebellion to the _____ of God.

James 1:15a - Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;... .

2. James uses the analogy of the conception and birth of a child, to illustrate the final choice of the _____.
3. Just as a child is a person before it is born; sin is present within the mind before it ever manifests the outward evidence of its _____.
4. Sadly, this temptation traveled from the emotions, to the mind, to the will, and finally to the behavior without being _____.
...and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. – James 1:15b
5. The Bible clearly teaches us that every sin is deserving of _____.

IV. WE MUST RELY ON THE ONE WHO WON THE VICTORY OVER ALL TEMPTATIONS

- A. We are called to face temptation by holding up “The Shield of Faith”, and by focusing on the _____ of our faith.

Psalms 33:20 - Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

B. We resist the tempter by submitting ourselves to our Lord and _____.

James 4:7 - Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

C. We resist the temptations of the enemy by 'lining up' under the authority of our _____.

I Peter 5:9a - Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

D. We must embrace the promise of I Corinthians 10:13b which says; 'But God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to _____ it.

E. Every temptation is an opportunity to flee to Jesus in submission and _____.



Every temptation is an opportunity to flee to Jesus!

THE CONDUCT OF A DISCIPLE WITHIN HIS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

SESSION FIVE

EPHESIANS 5:18-33 - And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh". This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1. You can only fulfill the commands of our Lord within the family structure, as you are walking in step with the _____.
2. We must know the reality of being permeated by the Holy Spirit, if we are going to live within the family in a manner that is _____ to our Master and Teacher.

I. THE DISCIPLE AS A FAITHFUL HUSBAND

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. – Ephesians 5:31-32

A. A disciple is to love his wife with a _____ love.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her. – Ephesians 5:25

1. Every 'believing husband' is called to give a leadership in the context of _____ and government combined together.

Colossians 3:19 - Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I John 4:10 - In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

2. Jesus brought His bride to His feet in submission through His sacrificial love, so you do the _____.

Husbands should love their wives

as Christ loved the church, with:

- ❖ **A SUPERNATURAL LOVE**
- ❖ **A SACRIFICIAL LOVE**
- ❖ **A SERVANT LOVE AND**
- ❖ **A GIVING LOVE**

3. The faithful disciple loves his wife; not for what she can do for him, but for what _____ can do for her.

I Peter 1:22 - Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth

through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart...

4. This sacrificial love requires a daily death to _____.

Luke 9:23 - Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

5. If a disciple is going to fulfill this verse and love his wife, there must be a supernatural _____ to his rights, his time, and his perceived pleasures.

B. A disciple is to love his wife with a _____ love.

...that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blame. - Ephesians 5:26-27

1. He is to be a man of the Word, who is praying for her, sacrificing for her, and leading her down the Highway of _____.

2. You are to do everything you possibly can, to lead your wife in the paths of practical holiness and moral _____.

3. You want to make certain that he never leads his wife into any _____.

4. What are you doing to encourage your wife to grow in sanctifying grace and intimate knowledge of the _____?

C. A disciple is to love his wife with a _____ love.

1. In marriage, the wife is one in union with the husband; in salvation you are one in union with Christ.

❖ **The manner, in which you treat your wife, is the same manner in which you treat Jesus!**

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- D. What are some other characteristics of this manner of love, which the disciple is to give to his wife?

I Peter 3:7 - Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1. He is to demonstrate a love of _____.
2. He is to demonstrate a love of _____.
3. He is to demonstrate a love of _____.

II. THE DISCIPLE OF JESUS AS A SUBMISSIVE WIFE

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. – Ephesians 5:22

- A. Once again we discover that this is a command from the Lord to be obeyed, not a _____ to be considered.
- B. Since the fall of Adam and Eve, our fallen natures have corrupted God's ordained _____.

Genesis 3:16b - Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.

- C. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is _____ in the Lord. – Colossians 3:18b

I Peter 3:1a - Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands...

Peter's use of the word 'likewise' implies,

"IN THE SAME WAY"

- D. But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is _____, and the head of Christ is God.
I Corinthians 11:3
- E. The word 'head' that Paul is using is describing the human head as the _____ for the body.

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- F. When the wife is following the leadership of her husband in the same manner as a disciple follows and submits to Christ; then the damaging results of the fall begin to be _____.
- G. When a disciple is loving his wife as Christ loved the church; and a disciple is submitting to her husband, as unto the Lord, there will be a blessed _____ within that marriage that will magnify Jesus and glorify God!

**THE MARK AND MOTIVATION
OF EVERY
AUTHENTIC DISCIPLE
THE 11TH COMMANDMENT**

SESSION SIX

John 13:31-35 - So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

I. THE CONTEXT

A. This is the night before the Lord Jesus will be _____.

John 13:23 - Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

John 13:25 - Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

John 13:26 - Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

B. John may have been the only disciple who was experiencing the full shock of what was taking place with _____.

Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer... - Matthew 13:33a

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. - Matthew 13:34

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- C. The term 'New Commandment' does not appear in any other book in the New Testament, except for John's first and second _____.

I John 2:7-10 - Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

I John 4:10-11 - In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

I John 3:14 - We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

I John 3:18 - My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

I John 4:7 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

- D. Every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ is a person who is under the _____ of Jesus, as master and teacher.

Matthew 11:28-29a - Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me...

- E. The new evidence that you are my disciples is that your lives are going to be the clear manifestation of the love of God, to each other before a watching _____.

II. THE COMMANDMENT

John 13:34 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Why is the "Love for One Another" a proof that you are an authentic disciple?

Leviticus 19:18b - but you shall love your neighbor as yourself...

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- A. This commandment is 'New' because of the _____ of this love.

I John 3:16 - By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

- B. We are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves; but we are commanded to love other disciples even as Jesus, who died for me, has loved _____.

I John 3:23 - And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMAND

John 13:34 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, that you also love one another.

CONSIDER:

What are the characteristics of the love of Jesus?

How did Jesus love us?

How are we to love other disciples?



I John 3:14 - We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

I John 3:16 - By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

I John 3:17 - But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

I John 3:18 - My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

- A. This love is a _____ love.

John 13:35 - By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

I John 4:8 - He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1. This supernatural love is quite different from the love of the _____.

B. This love is a _____ love.

John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Ephesians 2:4 - But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...

Ephesians 5:1-2a - Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us...

C. This is a _____ love.

I John 3:17 - But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Matthew 25 – Jesus illustrates this kind of love.

D. This love is a _____ love.

I John 3:18 - My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

James 2:15-16 - If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS COMMAND

John 13:35 - By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

*ARE YOU FULFILLING
THE
11TH COMMANDMENT?*

I Peter 1:22 - Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.

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- A. This is the relationship that Jesus intends for all of His disciples in the household of _____.

I Corinthians 13:13 - And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 14:1 - Pursue love, for the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 16:14 - Let all that you do be done with love.

Philippians 1:9 - And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment...

Colossians 3:14 - But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Ephesians 5:2 - And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Romans 12:9-10 - Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...

- B. The Lord Jesus takes this spiritual command to His disciples very _____.

- C. You must ask the Holy Spirit to awaken this love within your _____.

THE AUTHENTIC DISCIPLE AND HIS TONGUE

SESSION SEVEN

JAMES 1:26 – JAMES 3:1-12

1. Our tongue has the potential of creating incredible _____ for us.

2. Many authentic disciples struggle to _____ their tongue.

Psalms 106-33b - ...so that he spoke rashly with his lips.

Isaiah 6:5 - "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

Job 40:4 - "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth."

Romans 3:13-14 - "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit; The poison of asps is under their lips; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness..."

James 1:19 - So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;...

James 2:12 - So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

James 4:11 - Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

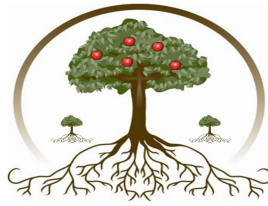
James 5:12 - But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

3. You must remember that these words are primarily for those who are teachers, but you must also remember that every disciple is a _____.

4. The condition of your heart is clearly and constantly revealed by the _____ of your words.

Psalm 19:14 – Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Proverbs 4:23 – Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.



THE **TONGUE** IS THE FRUIT;
BUT WHAT IS IN THE **HEART** IS THE ROOT!

Luke 6:45b – A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

5. The tongue is the monitor of the true practical _____ of our walk with Jesus.

6. Death and life are in the _____ of the tongue. – Proverb 18:21a

7. Our Master listens when His disciples _____ to one another.

Malachi 3:16a – Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them...

II Corinthians 2:17 – For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

II Corinthians 5:9 – Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

8. There is no greater indication of the condition of a disciple that the _____ of the words from his tongue.

Psalm 141:3 – Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

9. There is no greater indication that we need personal revival than the condition of an _____ tongue.

James 1:26 - If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

10. Do you realize that your speech in one day would fill a book of 54 _____.

Matthew 12:37 - "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

James 3:2 - For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

11. Every authentic disciple is commanded by our master to _____ our tongues.

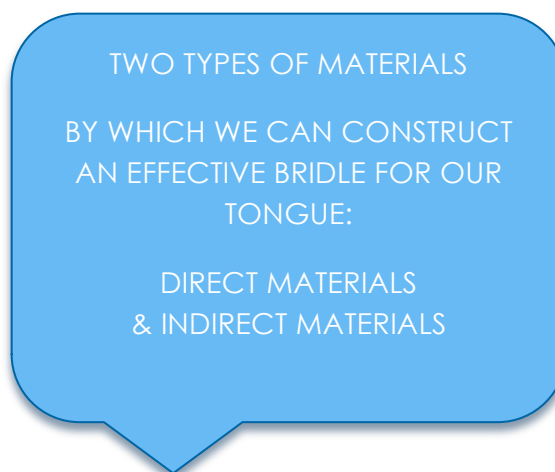


Let your tongue be bridled and
Controlled by the Master.

12. The 'bridle' is a constant restraining influence, by which the energies and desires of the horse are directed toward _____ purposes.

I Peter 3:10 - He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

13. You can measure your external spiritual growth, by the degree to which your tongue is under the restraint of the _____.



I. DIRECT MATERIALS

A. A consistent _____ life can assist us, regarding the 'bridling of our tongues'.

Psalm 141:3 - Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.

4 Soldiers That Should Guard Our Mouth:

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| 1. TRUTH | 3. NECESSITY |
| 2. LOVE | 4. WISDOM |

1. TRUTH

Zechariah 8:16 - These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;...

Proverbs 12:19 - The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Ephesians 4:25 - Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

Proverbs 23:23a - Buy the truth, and do not sell it...

2. LOVE

Ephesians 4:15a - ...but, speaking the truth in love...



Everything a disciple does should be motivated out of love; even when there is a need to confront another believer's sin. Disciples should always confront others with an attitude of love, and a desire to restore them back to a walk in holiness.

Matthew 18:15-17 - "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector..."

Hebrews 12:6 - For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.

3. NECESSITY

Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

4. WISDOM

Psalms 49:3a - My mouth shall speak wisdom...

Proverbs 12:18b - ...But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

James 1:5a - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...

B. You are also responsible to exhibit a conscious _____ over your tongue.

Psalm 39:1 - I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me."

1. I will not allow words to come flowing out of my mouth and then _____ about them later.

Proverbs 10:19 - In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise. In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Proverbs 17:27 -He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.

Proverbs 16:27 - An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire.

James 3:6 - And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

2. Every disciple should be careful not to speak words that would offend His God and offend the innermost parts of the person who is _____.

C. We must continually remember the _____ of God concerning our tongue.

Proverbs 13:3 - He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

II. INDIRECT MATERIALS

A. We must purpose to maintain a life of spiritual _____.

Ephesians 5:18b - ...but be filled with the Spirit...



1. Your progress or lack of progress in dealing with sins of the tongue is the barometer of your submission to the _____.
2. There must be harmony and unity of submission to the Holy Spirit in every _____ of your life.

Colossians 3:17a - And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...

CONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE SAYING:

1. Can you say it with His approval?
2. Can you say it under His authority?
3. Can you say it for His acclaim?

B. We must maintain carefully selected _____.

Proverbs 13:20 - He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Proverbs 20:19 - He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

I Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

1. You must be willing to remove yourself from close intimacy with those who do not have a _____ tongue.

C. We must be willing to give and receive loving _____ and encouragement concerning the use of our tongue.

Proverbs 15:31 - The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise.

1. When we lovingly rebuke ourselves, or others, this becomes a means of grace and _____ for one another.

James 3:5-6 - Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

- D. We must realize that no one can _____ the human tongue.



How foolish it is to think that man can tame the tongue!

THE CONDUCT OF A DISCIPLE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD

SESSION 8

I. AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN OUT OF THIS WORLD OF SINNERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING PROPELLED INTO THIS WORLD OF SINNERS.

- A. Our Lord lived a perfectly holy life in a sinful world; and yet, He was a friend of publicans and _____.
- B. We must live in the continual paradox of interacting with the world without becoming guilty of _____ to the world.

I Corinthians 5:9-10 – I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

- C. True disciples of Jesus are not only crucified to the world, but they are also raised to a “New Life” of going back into the world to _____ others.

John 15:16 - You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

II. AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES HAVE BEEN PROPELLED INTO THIS WORLD OF SINNERS; BUT WE MUST NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD OF SINNERS.

James 1:27c - ...and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

I John 2:15-17 – Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of

the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

I Peter 2:11 - Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

John 15:19 - ...but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 17:11 - Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world...

John 17:15 - I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

I John 5:19b - ...and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

- A. The world system includes all of the fallen ideas and behaviors that are in opposition to the Word of God and is at enmity against the rule and the _____ of Jesus.

Example Demas:

II Timothy 4:10 - for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

- B. Do not allow your life to be _____ by the ideas and behaviors of the world system.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was once asked,
“How can you account for the tremendous manner in which the Lord has used you?” Booth replied, “I believe that it is simply this, Jesus Christ has all of me”!

Does Jesus have all of your heart?

OR

Does this world possess a portion of your heart?

- C. Set your mind on things above and not the things on the _____. – Colossians 3:2

II Corinthians 4:18 - ...while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- D. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an _____ of God.

James 4:4

Ephesians 2:1-2a - And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world...

Philippians 3:19-20 - whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

- E. The disciple of Jesus is well aware that the world desires to defile and blemish his _____.
- F. If something is biblically right, though he might lose something from the world by doing it, he still does it; but, if something is biblically wrong, though one might gain from the world by doing it, he does _____ do it!

I John 2:6 – He who says that he abides in Jesus ought himself also to walk even in the same manner as Jesus walked.

- G. It is not necessary for a disciple to act like the world in order to _____ the world.

John 15:19 - If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

- H. When a disciple's methods are conformed to the world, he no longer has anything to _____ the world.
- I. For a disciple to fail to 'keep himself unspotted from the world' is the abhorrence of heaven and the _____ of hell!
- J. The language of James 1:27 makes it obvious that you are personally responsible to be sober and _____ to obey this command.



We must then ask ourselves,
"How can a disciple keep himself unspotted from this world?"



1. You must confess and forsake any area of worldliness, so that your feet may be _____ thoroughly.

There is Good News for the disciple who will confess and forsake their failures.

I John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. You must avoid _____ carelessly in this world.
3. You must also avoid those 'professing disciples' who walk _____ in the world system.

I Corinthians 5:11 - But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

I Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

Proverbs 13:20 - He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Psalms 1:1 - Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;...

4. You must ask the Lord to preserve you from moral _____.

John 17:11 - Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

John 17:15 - I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

5. You must daily spend quality time in the Word of God.

John 17:17 - Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Ephesians 4:23 - ...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind...

Ephesians 4:17 - This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind...

I Peter 1:13a - Therefore gird up the loins of your mind...

II Corinthians 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and performs a double work in our mind.

1) He works from the outside in.

2) He works from the inside out.

Romans 12:2b - ...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

II Corinthians 3:18b - ...are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory...

K. This call to keep yourself unspotted from the world is a command from our Lord to every _____.

L. The conduct of a disciple toward the sin of this world is that he is to be a separatist; but the conduct of a disciple toward the sinners of this world is that He is to be a _____.

I John 4:17b - ...as He is, so are we in this world.

YOUR LIFE IS TO BE LIKENED TO A BOAT WHICH IS SAILING OVER
THE WATER OF THIS WORLD!



WHICH BOAT DEPICTS YOUR LIFE?



Is your boat sailing over the water level of this world system?

OR

Is your boat taking on the water of this wicked world system?



THE DISCIPLE AS A FAITHFUL STEWARD OF HIS MASTER'S RESOURCES

SESSION 9

II Corinthians 8:1-5 - Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

1. The truth of this passage should have a tremendous influence on the _____ of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:35b – And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

2. The things that you give away bring a far greater blessing to your life than the things which you _____.

Luke 6:38 – “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

II Corinthians 9:6-7 - But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

3. There are many who profess to be disciples of Jesus who are living in extreme _____ and sin, in this important area of ‘grace giving’.
4. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke in Luke 6:38 are not a suggestion to consider, they are a _____ to obey.



I Chronicles 29:11 – Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours.

Psalms 24:1a – The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness...

I. THE MOTIVATING FORCE INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THESE DISCIPLES

- A. The motivating force behind their supernatural and sacrificial giving was the _____ of God.
- B. The sacrificial giving that is described in this passage rises far above any type of _____ source.

II Corinthians 8:2 – ...that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

- C. It is the transforming and sanctifying work of the grace of God that is the _____ behind sacrificial giving.



II. THE MARVELOUS FAITH WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THESE DISCIPLES

- A. The motivating force of grace inspires a faith that gives, no matter the _____ of the giver.
- B. Their faith inspired them to think of _____ instead of themselves.

III. THE ABUNDANCE OF JOY WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THESE DISCIPLES

- A. Their devotion to the Lord and His church, motivated them to manifest an inner joy, while _____ themselves to give to the Kingdom.
- B. Their sacrificial giving was not hindered by their extreme _____.



IV. THE OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY, WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THESE DISCIPLES

- A. Their marvelous faith of 'grace-giving' manifested itself in a precious attitude of _____.

Luke 9:23 - Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me".

II Corinthians 4:5 - For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

- B. Their generosity caused them to have a singular passion and purpose to place _____ before themselves.

*King Solomon spoke of the joy that comes from sharing
what God has given to us with others:*

PROVERBS 11:25

*"He who refreshes others will himself be
refreshed."*

V. THE MAGNIFICENT FREEDOM WHICH IS INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THESE DISCIPLES

- A. If you notice very closely there is not a fixed _____ in New Testament 'grace- giving'.

I Corinthians 16:2 - On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first-fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Exodus 25:2 - "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering..."

Exodus 35:22a - They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart...

Exodus 36:5 - ...and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do".

- B. The New Testament teaches that every disciple of Jesus is to freely give with a _____ heart.



John 12:1-8 - Mary's Alabaster Box

VI. THE MEANINGFUL FELLOWSHIP THAT WAS INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THE DISCIPLES

- A. It was not the preacher begging the disciples to give; it was the disciples begging the preacher to _____.
- B. Their giving was an expression of the fellowship of the shared life of authentic disciples who are in _____ with the Lord Jesus.

Acts 11:29 - Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

VII. THE FLAMING PASSION WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE 'GRACE-GIVING' OF THESE DISCIPLES

- A. When a person gives themselves to the Lord, they give everything that they _____.
- B. I will not worship with that which costs me _____.
II Samuel 24:24
- C. They faithfully subjected themselves to Paul's _____.

VIII. A PERSONAL EXHORTATION TO BE INVOLVED IN THE BLESSING OF 'GRACE-GIVING'

- A. You need to place a personal _____ on this 'grace-giving'.
- B. You need to prove the authenticity of your _____ to Jesus by giving.

II Corinthians 8:9 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

- C. We need to follow the greatest expression of 'grace-giving' in the history of the _____.

THE DISCIPLE AND HIS SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT OF GOD'S TRUTH IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

SESSION 10

II Timothy 2:1-2 - You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Matthew 28:19a – Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

Matthew 28:20a - ...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...

1. Every disciple of Jesus is part of a holy chain of truth that connects to and flows from our _____ teacher.
2. We are commanded and commissioned to invest God's truths and our lives, into the lives of those who will continue this living _____ of discipleship.
3. Paul is exhorting Timothy, and God is exhorting us, that 'someone has passed the baton of truth to you, and you must not drop the _____'.
4. These words are not only written to Timothy; they are written to each one of _____.
5. There are four generations in this living chain of discipleship, which are found within this verse.



- The Lord Jesus disciple Paul! – Galatians 1:12
- Paul disciple Timothy! – The things you have heard from me...

- Timothy disciple others! – Commit these to faithful men...
- They are then able to disciples others! – Who will be able to teach others also...

Galatians 1:12 - For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12 - And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

6. Every authentic disciple is to be discipling others, by investing the treasures of the Word of God, into the hearts and minds of younger disciples, and also being a living _____ of the truths that they are teaching them.



I. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A FAITHFUL SPIRITUAL INVESTOR

A. The _____ of a spiritual investor.

1. Paul is speaking to Timothy as his spiritual _____, in the faith.
2. We are called to be strong in the Lord and the power of His _____.
3. We must recognize and rely on the all-sufficient power of grace, which is found in our intimate _____ with Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 2:16b - And who is sufficient for these things?

II Corinthians 3:5 - Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God...

II Corinthians 12:9 - And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

B. The source of this spiritual investor.

Acts 1:1 - The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach...

1. Paul is saying to Timothy, I have been faithful to give you the baton of the truth of the words of Jesus; but you must be faithful to pass the baton of _____ to others.

II Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 1:13 - Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

2. It is absolutely obvious that the source for these spiritual investments that you are to make in the lives of others is the sound doctrines of the _____ of God.

II Timothy 3:10a - But you have carefully followed my doctrine...

3. You were born to reproduce; to be spiritually fruitful and _____, by discipling younger disciples.
4. You are personally responsible to commit the things, which you have heard to faithful men, and women who will teach _____ also.
5. Are you investing what the Lord has invested into you into the lives of _____?

B. The selectivity of this spiritual investor.

1. I don't want to waste my life investing in _____ men; but I want to invest in those who will be faithful to preserve and protect the truth and then pass it on to the next _____.
2. We cannot always discern accurately in advance, those who will prove to be faithful and _____ disciples.

II Timothy 1:15 - This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes...

II Timothy 4:10 - ...for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

3. We must prayerfully attempt to discern as much as we possibly can, who those young disciples are, who will be humble, reliable, teachable and _____.
4. You do not need a seminary degree to disciple others; neither do you need some special and elite _____.
5. Do you realize that it is possible for you to be carrying out your own plans, and be failing to obey His _____.
6. Lord, what will you have me to do, concerning this vital issue of investing your truth and my life into _____?

*Will You Be Faithful To Pass
The Baton Of Faith
To Others?*

