

THE "LIFE AND BIBLE" SERIES

Living Out Our Christianity *With An Attitude*

COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1:9-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BEING A CHRISTIAN IS OBEDIENCE TO GOD

*A SERIES ON DEVELOPING A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE
WALK WITH GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL SITUATIONS*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Following Jesus, Divorce, Marriage, Recommitment

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will** in **all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing *Him*, **being fruitful in every good work** and **increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness** and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, :14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins.

Malachi 2:16

"For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel. "It is as cruel as putting on a victim's bloodstained coat," says the LORD Almighty. "So guard yourself; always remain loyal to your wife."

BEING A CHRISTIAN IS OBEDIENCE TO GOD

1.) You've got to be willing to **submit to the Lord**

1a.) You've got to **bury the past** day after day

Your Thoughts and Imaginations Will Kill You

Philippians 3:13-14

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, :14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO THE LORD

1b.) You've got to **resign to die** to your demands

You Must Come to The End of You

Mark 9:35

And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,
"If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

1c.) You've got to **elevate the Lord** in every area of life

Get Jesus Christ Under Your Skin.

You need, we need to become "radicalized" Christians

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; **therefore** glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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2.) You have got to face the **reality of forgiveness**

2a.) Asking for **forgiveness creates hope**

By asking for forgiveness, the resistance ends

REPENTANCE IS WHAT GOD WAITS FOR...

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

FACING THE REALITY OF FORGIVENESS

2b.) Forgiving others **brings about liberty**

Issuing forgiveness is for your wellbeing.

Matthew 5:21-24

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not murder*, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ :22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, “Raca!” shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. :23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, :24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

2c.) Finding forgiveness **sets you free**

Bitterness always destroys you & those around you.

without forgiveness, your future relationships
are doomed to repeat the same mistakes.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. :32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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3.) Your strength is in **the power of God** not you

YOUR STRENGTH IS IN THE POWER OF GOD

3a.) Begin a **daily workout plan** in the word

Psalm 63:1

O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You;

3b.) Set a **guard on your thoughts**

2 Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

3c.) Do what **He's telling you to do**

John 14:15

"If you love Me, (*if you understand me and know my nature*)
you will keep My commandments.

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4.) Marriage has proven to **be bigger than you**

4a.) Marriage cannot be **done right without God**

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **(the value is there)** male and female he created them. **(the design is there)** :28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **(the purpose is there)**

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

4b.) Marriage **cannot be about you**

(to the husband's and Wives') Ephesians 5:16-31

:16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **:17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. **:18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **:19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **:20** giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **:21** submitting to one another in the fear of God. **:22** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **:23** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. **:24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. **:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **:26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **:27** 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. **:28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. **:29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. **:30** For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. **:31** ***“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*** = *what happens to, with, or about her/him is about you too*

her/him is about you too

MARRIAGE IS BIGGER THAN YOU

4c.) Marriage may no longer be an option for you

Matthew 5:32

But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

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5.) You must have a godly fear of who the Lord is

5a.) Who is it that directs your life?

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

Psalms 37:23-24

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. **:24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

A GODLY FEAR OF WHO THE LORD IS

5b.) Do you **have a healthy** and fearful awe of God ?

Job 28:28 - Proverbs 1:7

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding... The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

5c.) Will you **be a Christian** in reality ?

Matthew 7:21-27

"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. :22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' :23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' :24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: :25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. :26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: :27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

all married couples stand please

Whoever tonight is struggling – please stand

You're single, never been married – don't want to make a mistake - stand

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