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Digging Into God's Great Incredible Never-ending Grace

PURSUING MATURITY

WEEK 10

COMMITMENT, FAITHFULNESS, & INTEGRITY

(Part I - Being Examples)

Summary:

Every person struggles with the daily issues of right and wrong- good and evil. We struggle in our relationship with God. We struggle to be committed to Him. We struggle to be faithful to Him. We struggle to have integrity before God. When struggling with these issues, there is a tendency to rationalize behavior and compromise God's standard of these things. Often times sins are explained away or ignored. These are the "vices of the virtuous"- sins which have become accepted as the normal standard. Christians must not allow any compromise with sin to infiltrate their lives. God calls us to be committed to Him. He calls us to be faithful in the things of Holiness and Righteousness. He calls us to walk in integrity and uprightness in all that we do before Him.

Commitment: to do or have something specified, to have in custody or care, to have entrusted or consign.

Faithfulness: to be trusting, loyal, trustworthy, true, accurate.

Integrity: uprightness, honesty, soundness of character, moral wholeness.

LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING VERSES. WHAT THINGS ARE WE INSTRUCTED TO COMMIT TO THE LORD?

Psalms 31:5

Psalms 37:5

Proverbs 16:3

WHAT WAS TIMOTHY CHARGED TO COMMIT TO GOD?

1 Timothy 1:11

1 Timothy 6:17-21

2 Timothy 1:12

2 Timothy 1:14

FROM THE ABOVE VERSES, WHAT DOES GOD ASK US TO COMMIT TO HIM?

IN THE FOLLOWING VERSE WHAT ACTION DO YOU SEE WITH “FAITHFUL”?

Psalms 101:6

WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT BEING FAITHFUL?

Luke 16:10

Luke 16:11

Luke 16:12

1 Corinthians 4:2

WHAT ARE THE REWARDS OF THE FAITHFUL?

Revelation 2:10

Galatians 6:9

IF INTEGRITY IS TO BE UPRIGHT AND HONEST, HOW ARE WE TO LIVE?

Read the verses below...

Underline the words or phrases that we are to keep away from us.

Circle the words or phrases that we should do.

Leviticus 19:11-18 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the LORD.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD.

HOW DID JESUS DESCRIBE HYPOCRITES?

Mark 7:6-8

WHAT IS ONE REASON THIS STYLE OF LIVING IS DISHONEST?

Romans 2:23-24

WHEN WE LIVE WITHOUT INTEGRITY WHAT ARE SOME WAYS GOD'S NAME MIGHT BE DISHONORED?

The quality of our lives should always be able to withstand close examination by other people. We should live honestly-not pretending to be something we are not in order to create a false impression on others. Imagine there is an invention that could tell you what people are really like and what people really thought.

Would you want this invention used on you? Why or why not?

Would anything be revealed that you would like to remain hidden?

READ THE FOLLOWING. WHAT ARE SOME AREAS WE MIGHT EASILY NEGLECT IF NOT CAREFUL?

Colossians 3:23-25

1 Peter 2:13-15

Pray and ask the Lord to give you a life that is committed, faithful and has integrity. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas that need to be worked on and then ask God to help you bring them in line with His Word.

End of Part I

Go to Part II - GODLY CHARACTER TRAITS TO LIVE BY.