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Walk Worthy of GOD

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1 THESSALONIANS 2:

1. For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:
2. But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as you know, at Philippi, **we were bold** in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.
3. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:
4. But as we were allowed of God to be **put in trust with the gospel (honor to carry the gospel)**, even **so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.**
5. For neither at any time **used we flattering words**, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness;
6. **Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others**, when we might have been burdensome as the apostles of Christ,
7. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:
8. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.
9. For ye remember, brethren, **our labour and travail, for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you**, we preached unto you the gospel of God.
10. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:
11. As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children.
12. That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
13. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men (who do you think the words come from, me or some other preacher?), **but as it is in truth, the word of god, which effectually worketh in you that believe.**

I always challenge you to read the word, and compare what I'm preaching to the word of God. You cannot grow and be blessed if you receive the word as though it was from man. To be blessed by the word of God, you have to accept and believe the word is the WORD OF GOD, and that it comes from GOD. When you have that level of faith in you, it will work in you.

EPHESIANS 4:

1. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
2. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3. Endeavouring to keep the unit of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



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COLOSSIANS 1:

10. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
11. Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

DOCTRINE

Ministers/Congregation - Your doctrine should be based on the entire word of God

- Not emotions
- Not feeling
- Not bits and pieces of the scripture

Although the bible is many books and scriptures it is ONE BOOK!

- It is authored by God
- It does not conflict or contradict itself
- A concept is based on the sum of the many parts
 - o Marriage ordained of God
 - o Adam and Even were married (man and woman)
 - o God allowed Moses to give a divorce because of the hardness of men's heart
 - o God goal is that marriage is forever, but because of sin, he allowed the covenant to be broken

All Doctrine begins in Genesis and it is consummated in Revelations

- To understand a concept, you have to research it from cover to cover
- Your understanding of a belief must be consistent with all the bits and parts

OPENING MONOLOGUE

Today, Let's talk about what we owe unto God.

We seem to talk a lot today about the blessing of God and the promises of God. That is good new but we need to also talk just as much about what we owe unto the Lord.

ST MATTHEW 6:

1. Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them, otherwise **ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.**



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2. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
3. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth;
4. That thine alms may be in secret; and they Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

I'm telling you right now that many do not adhere to this scripture. Many will tell everything they are doing for God and they lose their reward from God. I hear them often, I'm fasting, I gave such and such, I blessed such and such, I did this or that. These many times will get upset when their name is not called or they don't get the award or reward. Don't you realize that if you are doing this, you are losing your reward? God sees in to the heart. He knows what you are doing, the effort you are doing. If you are doing it and you get tired or you are upset, you need to question who you are working for? If you can do it without getting tired or upset and you don't care or want men to know, then you are doing it for the Lord. Then you can reap the blessings of the Lord.

ST MATTHEW 6:

19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
21. For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also.

ST MATTHEW 6:

25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?
26. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
27. Which of you **by taking thought** can add one cubit unto his stature? (*no benefit in thinking alone, don't try a self-help religion by using the word of God as some magical formula*)
28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
29. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomn in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.



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34. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Are you hungry for God, Are you thirsty for God.

Are you asleep or are you pressing toward what God wants for your life?

What is your purpose in life? Have you found and are you fulfilling your purpose

Story of my lawnmower man-----Keith, he was single, at age 28 he was always working overtime to have cars and boats and motorcycles, and things. But he realized that with everything that he had achieved he was empty. The things did not bring him happiness and peace. It was only when he totally surrendered himself to Christ did he have peace. His father died last week and this week we were in his backyard celebrating because he knew his father was in a better place. He is from the blue ridge mountains/shenadoah Valley area of Virginia and they travelled to bury his father where he was born, on top of a mountain in what I call God's country. While the body was there, we were celebrating the fact that his father was in Glory/Heaven with God and we were both looking to go there. At the funeral, the preacher talked about the fact that we all have an appointment that we must keep; one with death and one with the judgment. Even more exciting, we celebrated the fact that his sister got saved in his backyard not standing more than 10 feet from where we were. The pastor was getting ready to leave and travel back home and she stopped them and said that, she had to get saved and of course their response was, we can do that right now and in that moment she gave her heart to the Lord.

Are you going through the motions of life? Are you empty? Have you lost your direction? Are you having trouble trying to make a go of it?

There is joy and peace in serving God, but you have to walk with him to experience it.

You cannot experience it simply by just coming to church or saying words from your mouth.

We are talking about a change in your heart...something real....you know, like when you fell in love....Your life was so empty when that person was not there.....you wanted to spend every waking minute with them.

REVELATIONS 3:

1. And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know they works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
2. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found they works perfect before God.



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3. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
4. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worth.
5. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not **BLOT HIS NAME OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

If God spared not the angels, what about man:

When I read Christ's letter to the churches in the book of Revelations, chapter 2 and 3, I think we get a little glimpse of what it will be like to stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

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1. To anoint or wash in every part
 - a. To besmear, i.e. cover with lime (to whitewash or plaster)
2. To wipe off, wipe away
 - a. To obliterate, erase, whip out, blot out



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Jude 1:1 - 25 (KJV) ¹Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called: ²Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. ³Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, **it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.** ⁴**For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁵I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. ⁶**And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.** ⁷Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. ⁸Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. ⁹Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. ¹⁰But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. ¹¹Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. ¹²**These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;** ¹³Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. ¹⁴And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ¹⁵To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ¹⁶These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. ¹⁷But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁸**How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.** ¹⁹**These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.** ²⁰But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, ²¹Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. ²²And of some have compassion, making a difference: ²³**And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.** ²⁴**Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,** ²⁵To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.