

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Obedience Among Neighbors

Leviticus 19: 9 – 18, 33 – 37

No obedience, no faith. The outcome of our life will always come back to the attitude of the heart. The attitude of our heart shapes our character. Our attitude is a result of our thoughts, and our mindset, and creates within us the object of our personality. Every choice that we make defines our true self. The heart expresses itself through the spirit, which indwells within us, which establishes the values that drive our choices in life. For this reason, we must strive to have a heart that is obedient to God.

Romans 12: 9 – 10,....let love be without dissimulation (pretence)abhor (defeat) that which is evil, cleave to that which is good....be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love....

Determination and purpose in the will of God will create within us a true heart that is full of Gods wisdom and knowledge. Through this wisdom and knowledge, we learn to do what is right, not because of what we might gain from it, but simply because it is the right thing to do in the eyes of God. Humbleness means that we will be quick to forgive, while we joyfully wait upon the Lord. Being grateful in all circumstances will help us to have positive thoughts, which come through the power of God in our lives.

1 Corinthians 10: 31,....whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God....

Do we have a goal for our life? Our goal must be Gods goal for us. God has created each of us with the desire to strive for more, and the possibilities are endless.

Mark 9: 23,....Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth....

Everyone has the opportunity to achieve that which seems to be impossible. Our attitude is precious, because it conditions our life to either grow or remain idle and stagnant. Having the true, genuine purpose of God in our hearts will motivate us to succeed in our life in Christ.

In our scripture lesson today, we will learn that success in our life in Christ consist of two things.

Mark 12: 30 – 31,....love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength....love thy neighbor as thyself....

Today our focus is on the obedience that we must have, with our strength coming through the word of God, in order to love thy neighbor. This godly love begins with compassion, the same compassion that God the Father had when he:

John 3: 16,....gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life....

Our spiritual compassion, which is eternal, increases our capacity to care for the eternal well being of others. Just as Christ set the example for us, we must also see those that others tend to overlook, and we are to see in them more than just their outward appearances. Christ in his absence, shows his compassion to the world, through the church, which is his body.

Isaiah 40: 11,....he shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young....

Do Christians experience worldly fear, sure they do. One of the fears that all Christians have at some point in time is, will I be able to endure to the end, in faith believing in Christ. How can I have compassion for the eternal well-being of others when I myself am struggling with weaknesses in my own life. We must turn to the promises of Gods word.

Proverbs 3: 5 – 6,....trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths....

Romans 8: 38 – 39,....for I am persuaded, that (nothing) , shall be able to separate us from the love of God....

Philippians 1: 6,....being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ....

Gods word assures us, as Christians, that it is possible to keep what Christ himself says is the two greatest commandments. Our commitment to God is not just a commitment of our own salvation, but it is a promise to him, that we will commit to doing whatever it takes, that which Christ sees fit for us in our life to do, to instill within others, through godly compassion, the importance of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the value of their eternal destination.

1 Corinthians 13: 13,....and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but t he greatest of these is charity....

Leviticus 19: 9 – 10,....thou shalt not wholly reap....neither shalt thou gather the gleanings....thou shalt not glean....neither shalt thou gather every grape....thou shalt leave them....

Leviticus 19: 11 – 12,....ye shall not steal....neither deal falsely, neither lie....shall not swear....neither shalt thou profane....thy God....

Leviticus 19: 13 – 14,....thou shalt not defraud....neither rob....thou shalt not curse....nor put a stumbling block....

Leviticus 19: 15 – 16,....ye shall do no unrighteousness....thou shalt not....as a talebearer....neither shalt thou stand against the blood....

Leviticus 19: 17 – 18,....thou shalt not hate....thou shalt not....rebuke....thou shalt not avenge....but thou shalt love thy neighbor....

Leviticus 19: 33 – 34,....if a stranger sojourn....ye shall not vex him....thou shalt love him as thyself....

Leviticus 19: 35 – 37,....ye shall do no unrighteousness....therefore shall ye observe all my statutes....and do them....

God gives unto us his promises and his commandments through his word. This is how, as Christians, we are to live our life in Christ. We are not to pick and choose, nor should we just observe some of his statutes when it feels right, based upon the circumstances that we are going through, but we are to live by his word, through every circumstance, at all times.

We should not be studying the word of God just looking for suggestions to consider, but we are to be looking for his commandments to obey, and to live by them. We are obedient to Gods word because he is Lord.

God is holy, and we are to live in such a way that reflects his holiness. This begins with our salvation, when we sincerely began to ask God, to make us more and more like unto his Son, Christ Jesus. God changes our heart, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, and creates within us an attitude that is not only pleasing unto him, but also reflects his glory unto others. This all comes through obedience to Gods word.

Hebrews 4: 12,....for the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing us to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit....and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart....

As Christians, our best efforts must be in the fullness of Gods will. The word of God provides all that we need, so that we might know the difference between self-righteous acts, and spiritual deeds. Therefore, the word of God gives unto us, as Christians, all the wisdom and knowledge that we will ever need to learn the truth of the will of God. Only in Christ Jesus do we find a God who truly understands our life, and the circumstances in our life.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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