

A life of COMMITMENT to God's Word

Holding fast and Holding forth the Word of God, WALK WORTHY part 5, Philippians 2:16

Introduction:

John 8:36 "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. John 8:32 ... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world 16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

*Amos 8:11 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord God, When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for **hearing the words** of the Lord."*

#1 A conviction of C and C *holding fast*

*1 Timothy 4:16 **Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching.***

*Acts 3:5 **He fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.***

*Acts 19:22 **Paul himself stayed (held his place) in Asia for a while.***

*2 Timothy 2:22 Now **flee** from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 1 Corinthians 6:18 **Flee** immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.*

*Matthew 28:19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.***

#2 Confirming the C _____ of Scripture *the word of life*

1 Peter 1:23 *born again ... through the living and enduring word of God.*

John 6:63... *the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.*

Romans 10:17 *faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

#3 For the C _____ DAY of JUDGMENT *so that in the day of Christ*

Philippians 4:1 *my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown,*

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

I will have reason to glory

Romans 15:8 *For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed* 1 Corinthians 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me*

#4 Because of the C _____ of MINISTRY *because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain*

A. Know your _____

B. Use your _____

Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

C. Feed off the _____

D. Make certain you are a _____

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why does Paul say about the importance and power of the Word of God in verse 16?
- 2-Why is it essential to have a conviction about obedience to the Word of God as you communicate the Word of God?
- 3-Why does Paul make a point of telling the Philippians that the Word of God is the WORD OF LIFE?
- 4-What difference should the coming day of judgment—the day of Christ—make in the believer's life?
- 5-Why is Paul so concerned that his labors in ministry not be a waste of time?
- 6-What steps will you dependently pursue this week in order to hold fast and hold forth the living Word of God?

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