

Launching Text: Titus 2:1-2 But speak (and teach) thou the things which become sound doctrine (which shows and produces the right character and right living that identify true Christians): ² That the aged men be sober (sound minded, grave (honest), temperate (sensible & self controlled by the Spirit), sound in faith (believing God & His Word in all things), (sound) in charity (loving God and mankind), (and sound) in patience (always waiting for God's direction in all things). 1-Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

PREACHING TEXT: Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

Intro: Today, is Father's Day and may God bless all the Godly fathers. Thank God we have a heavenly Father that watches over all of us. And as God watches over us, He wants us to be like Him. Genesis 1 says that we are made in His image and His likeness and God wants us to stay that way, not living in sin, but living with and for Him. With that thought in mind, this is what this message is about.

1. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LOOKS

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.
Psalms 121:1-2 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.² My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

2. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LOVES

1-John 4:8 He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

1. Loving God

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

2. Mark 12:31 And the second (commandment) is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

3. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LEARNS

Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting (and learning) get understanding.

Isaiah 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Matthew 11:28 -29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

5. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LEAVES

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed (and leave the sinful life-style and the world's way of doing things) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 13:11-14 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off (or leave) the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.¹³ Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.¹⁴ But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

6. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LOADS

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled (or load up) with the Spirit;

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you (or after you load up with the Spirit): and you shall be witnesses unto Me (says the Lord).....

Matthew 3:11 (John the Baptist said) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you (fill you and load you up) with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give (and load one up with) the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

7. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LOOTS

1-Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist (and loot) steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

Proverbs 6:31 But if he (the thief, which is the devil,) be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house (so that his house is looted).

8.DADDIES & BELIVERS THAT LEADS

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him (Phillip and to us, I will lead you in the right way for), I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **(NOTE: WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAD UNTIL WE LEARN TO FOLLOW!)**

9. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LIFTS

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you (that I might lift you up).

Psalms 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved (for He shall lift them up).

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens (and lift one another up), and so fulfill the law of Christ.

10. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LABORS

John 6:27 Labor not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed (for that labor).

1-Thessalonians 4:12 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work (or labor) with your own hands, as we commanded you;¹² That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed (or in your laboring), do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

11. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LARGESSES (gives)

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete (or give) withal it shall be measured (or given to you again).

Proverbs 3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of you hand to do it.

12. DADDIES & BELIEVERS THAT LAUGHS

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (and a life that is full of joy).

John 15:11 These things (or My Words) have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Psalms 126:2 (Because the Lord turns our captivity to liberty) Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

1-Peter 1:8-9 (Jesus and our God, whom having not seen, we love; in whom, though now we see Him not, we believe, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.)

CLOSING: Because our life is in Christ, we have the great, good, and blessed life.

Let our prayer be: Just like you, Lord—Just like you I long to be!

And when we are life will not get any better!

This is the kind of DADDIES AND BELIEVERS that we need in our world today!

BECOME---BELONG-----BE!

BE ONE!