

FELICITOUS is defined as suitable or appropriate and in this case to, with, and for God.

Launching Text: John 16:33 These things (My Words) I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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

1-Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Mark 11:22-24 ...Have faith in God. For I (Jesus) say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire, when you pray (or confess), believe that you shall receive them and you shall have them.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.....

Preaching Text: Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever you do in word or deed, (do all appropriately and suitably unto God and) do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Intro: We know our world will be troubled, but we are not to be the trouble maker with anyone but the devil. God is looking for His children to live with appropriate behavior in this world. We have looked at Living In This Troubled World by Faith, Fidelity, and Fortification and all of that is appropriate behavior with God, but in this message in this series, we will examine other felicitous behavior that God expects.

1. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING A FOLLOWER (or an imitator of God)

Galatians 5:1-2 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

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.

Matthew 10:38 (Jesus said) And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me.

Luke 9:57-62 And it came to pass, that, as they (Jesus & His disciples) went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou go.⁵⁸ And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.⁵⁹ And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.⁶⁰ Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.⁶¹ And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.⁶² And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

1-Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1-John 2:6 He that saith he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

2. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING FAULTLESS (absolutely without sin)

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Ephesians 5:26-27 (Jesus' desire is:) That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the people of His church) with the washing of water by the Word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

1-John 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:² And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1-John 3:5-6 And ye know that he (Jesus) was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. ⁶ Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins hath not seen him, neither known him.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful & just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING FEARLESS (no worry about anything)

2-Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Philippians 1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition (the loss of their soul to hell because of willfully rejecting God and His ways), but to you of salvation (or deliverance through a relationship and obedience to God), and that of God.

Deuteronomy 31:8 And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

Joel 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.

Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

4. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING FERVENT (or with devotion & passion)

Exodus 20:3 Thou shall have no other gods before me.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou go.

Philippians 1:10 (That you be so devoted unto and passionate about God) That you may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

Mark 12:30 (And be so devoted and passionate about God) And thou shall 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.

Exodus 20:5 Thou shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them (the other gods): for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

5. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING FRUITFUL (prosperous & productive)

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Psalms 92:12-14 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Note: Some plow, some plant, and some water---but God gives the increase. (1-Corinthians 3:5-9)

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper.

6. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING FORTITUDAL (patient & enduring)

Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

James 1:3-4 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls (that is the mind, will, and emotions).

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful (or compassionate), and of tender mercy.

7. LIVING APPROPRIATELY BY BEING FELICITINESS (happy & having extreme joy)

Psalms 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalms 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalms 146:5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Proverbs 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

Isaiah 35:10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

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

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice always, and again I say rejoice.

Closing: God simply wants us to live in obedience to Him by being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only for when we hear and don't do then we are self deceived and will live in rebellion against God and all other authority.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.