

Launching Text: 1-Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God (if they allow it) through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Preaching Text: 1-Cor 9:29 But I keep my body (my very being), and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, When I have preached (spoken, testified or declared) to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Intro: Last week's message was on "Something God Wants Us To Know" and we found that God wants us to know or have revelation and manifestation concerning His Presence, His Power, Our Problems, Our Preceptions, and Our Prosperity.

This week's message is on "Something God Wants Us To Keep" and there are many, but in this message we will look at 3.

1. KEEP THE CHARGE FOR IT IS SOMETHING GOD WANTS US TO KEEP

Zec 3:7 Thus saith the Lord of host: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge (or keep) My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

1. Keep The Charge By Attending To (going with) The Word Of The Lord

Prov 4:20 My, son (or daughter), attend to (go with) My Words;

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

2. Keep The Charge By Hearing The Word Of The Lord

Prov 4:20 My son (or daughter), attend to My Words; incline thine ear unto My Sayings.

Isa 55:3 Incline you 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.

3. Keep The Charge By Seeing The Word Of The Lord

Prov 4:21 Let them (the Word of the Lord) not depart from thine eyes;

Prov 29:18 Where there is no vision the people perish; but happy is he that keeps the law.

4. Keep The Charge By Keeping The Word Of The Lord

Prov 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them (the Word of the Lord) in the midst of thine heart.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me Shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.

5. Keep The Charge And Reap The Consequence

Prov 4:22 For they (the Words of the Lord) are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

2. KEEP THE CALL FOR IT IS SOMETHING GOD WANTS US TO KEEP

John 2:5 teaches us that whatever the Lord says to do, do it.

1. Keep The Call By Keeping The Commandments (written actions to be obeyed) Of The Lord

Prov 4:4 He taught me also, and said unto me, let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments and live.

Prov 7:1-4 My son (and daughter), keep my words and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments and live and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the tables of thine heart. (Why? Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks & we walk what we talk)

2. Keep The Call By Keeping The Ordinances (decreed ways to act) Of The Lord

Lev 18:4 You shall do My judgments and keep My ordinances (or decrees) to walk therein; I am the Lord your God.

3. Keep The Call By Keeping The Statutes (shown ways to act) Of The Lord

Exodus 15:26 And God said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and will do that which is Right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these Diseases upon thee which I have brought (or allowed) upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that heals thee.

4. Keep The Call By Keeping The Judgments (pre-judged ways to act) Of The Lord

Isa 56:1-2 Thus saith the Lord, keep ye judgment and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my Righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man (woman, boy or girl) that does this, and the son of man That layeth hold on it: that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing evil.

5. Keep The Call By Keeping The Testimonies (methods of action with praise) Of The Lord

Psalms 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure making the wise simple.

Psalms 25:10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy & truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

6. Keep The Call And Reap The Consequence

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance (for He want liberty & life for us).

John 6:63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth (or make alive); the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I (Jesus) Speaks to you, they are spirit and they are life.

3. KEEP THE CONDITION FOR IT IS SOMETHING GOD WANTS US TO KEEP

Joshua 6:18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

(Definition of the accurse—that which has been set by God for destruction or that which belongs to God)

1. Keep The Condition By Keeping Your Pondering In Check

Prov 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.

Prov 23:7 teaches us that as one thinks in his heart, so is he.

2. Keep The Condition By Keeping Your Position In Check

2-Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man (woman, boy, or girl) be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away And behold all things are become new.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: never the less, I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live In the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.

3. Keep The Condition By Keeping Your Purity In Check

1-Tim 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man (that is don't be quick to agree with others), neither be a partaker of other Men's sins: keep thyself pure.

4. Keep The Condition By Keeping Your Pronunciations In Check

Psalms 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

5. Keep The Condition By Keeping Your Proficiency In Check

Prov 4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

Prov 3:21-22 (Get wisdom, knowledge & understanding) My son, let them not depart from thine eyes: keep sound Sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto thy soul and grace to thy neck.

6. Keep The Condition By Keeping Your Pathway In Check

Ps 37:34 Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off thou shall see it.

Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man (woman, boy, or girl) are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in the way (that the Lord leads).

7. Keep the Condition By Keeping Your Persuasions In Check

Mark 11:22 ...Have faith in God.

1-Tim 6:12 (Fight for and) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2-Tim 3:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, & peace with them that call on the Lord Out of a pure heart (for faith will not work without righteousness, charity, and peace).

Closing: When we fail to keep what God has asked us to keep, it is sin and sin separates us from God. Be sure your sins and my sins will find us out. We can't hide it, but we can get forgiveness and that's what God wants us to do.

2-Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith: prove your own selves. Know you not your own selves, how Jesus Christ is in you, except you be probates?