

MESSAGE 1: ABOLISH POUTING Psalms 37:1-2

MESSAGE 2: BELIEVE GOD Psalms 37:3

MESSAGE 3: COMMIT TO GOD Psalms 37:5

Launching Text: 2-Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He (the Lord God Almighty) is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

1-Peter 2:23 (Jesus is our example for living and it was Jesus) Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judges righteously:

1-Peter 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live (committed) by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Preaching Text: Psalms 37:5 Commit thy way (which is our method of doing things) unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it (our way of doing things) to pass (because we have committed it unto the Lord).

Commit Defined: Hebrew word is galal pronounced gaw-lal' and the prime root meaning to roll and in this case the meaning is for us to roll our way of doing things upon the Lord—to surrender it unto Him.

Webster's definition is: to carry out, to do, to transact, to deliver for safe-keeping, to entrust, to put in custody of, to bind as a promise, to pledge to.

Introduction: GOD want us to commit to His way of doing things. That is why He left us His Word that filled with commands and consequences. If we want the results of the blessed life we will commit ourselves to living God's way and when we do we will get the results of the abundant life. To get the results of God's blessings we must pattern ourselves after Jesus and this 3rd message in the series of "Five Great Keys To Christian Living" is "Commit To God".

1. COMMIT OUR MANAGEMENT TO GOD

Romans 6:12-13 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body (through the power of the Holy Ghost), that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God (surrendering and following His directions), as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

2. COMMIT OUR MEANS TO GOD

1. The Tithe

Malachi 3:10-11 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

2. The First Fruits

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

3. The Alms

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lends unto the Lord; & that which he hath given will he pay him again.

4. The Seed

2-Corinthians 9:6-7 But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.

3. COMMIT OUR MERCHANDISE TO GOD

Proverbs 12:10 A righteous man regards the life of his beast (and all his goods): but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

1-Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards (by God), that a man be found faithful.

4. COMMIT OUR MESS-UPS TO GOD

Luke 13:3 (Jesus said concerning some who had sinned and people were judging the types of sins as being greater) I tell you, No: but, except you repent (by turning from sin and change direction by turning to God), you shall all likewise perish.

2-Peter 2:20-21 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. ²¹ For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

Proverbs 28:13 He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

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

5. COMMIT OUR METHODS TO GOD

Proverbs 21:4 (The method of living with) An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works (or method of doing) unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.
Luke 12:32 (Teaches us that God gives us the Kingdom, His way of doing things and Romans 14:17 describes God's way of doing things in the Kingdom is Righteousness, Peace, & Joy in the Holy Ghost and so should we.)

1. Let Our Methods With God Be By Charisma (Love)

1-John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God. 8 He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

2. Let Our Methods With God Be By Conviction (Faith)

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

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God): for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

3. Let Our Methods With God Be By Cheer (Delight)

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

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones.

6. COMMIT OUR MINDS TO GOD

Proverbs 23:7 (teaches us that as we think in our heart, so are we.)

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart (and mind), be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

7. COMMIT OUR MORALS TO GOD

1-Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry (and its rules).

2-Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1-Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body.

1-Peter 1:14-16 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

8. COMMIT OUR MOUTHS TO GOD

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt (putrid, foul, vulgar, hateful, spiteful, negative, or ungodly) communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Proverbs 12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

Proverbs 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

Psalms 34:19 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

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

9. COMMIT OUR MOODS TO GOD

Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man defers his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Proverbs 14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit (because of moodiness) exalts folly.

10. COMMIT OUR MOVEMENTS TO GOD (Walk)

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

1-Peter 2:21-23 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed Himself to him that judges righteously:

Hebrews 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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