

Are Things Working Good for You?

Our Verse for the day: Romans 8:28 (KJV) ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for March 14, 2021.

LIVING A LIFE OF SUBMISSION TO GOD - JAMES 4:6-8

Let us think about our relationship to God and how He would have us deal with Satan.

I. WHAT IS NOT SUBMISSION TO GOD? A person is not submitted to God as long as he or she is:

1. In a state of indifference. Like Gallio, caring for none of these things Acts 18:12-17 (Acts 18:17) ¹⁷ Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things. Like Gallio, when we do not show concern and are indifference toward the Lord's work, we are not being submissive to Him. What we do, what we think, the way we act, and the list goes on.

2. Living life for self. Desiring his own praise and honor. (Job 9:20) If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. There is no place in God's plan for self-glory. Think with me for just a moment, which do you glorify the most today.

3. Seeking to Please Men. Satisfied with an outward appearance. (Psalm 49:1-7)

¹Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world: ²Both low and high, rich and poor, together. ³My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. ⁴I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will

open my dark saying upon the harp. ⁵ Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? ⁶ They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; ⁷ None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

4. Loving the world. If the world is in the heart, it is still the enemy to God. (John 16:33) **These things 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.**

II. TO WHOM WE SHOULD SUBMIT: GOD

1. Because He hath made us. Our Creator. Colossians 1:16 **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**

2. Because He hath sent His Son to save us (John 3:16) **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

3. Because He hath given His Spirit to quicken and comfort us. (John 14:16) **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

4. Because He had given His Word to guide and assure us. (Job 5:17) **Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:**

III. WHAT IS TO BE SUBMITTED? "Yourselves."

1. Your will and love. Matthew 6:21: **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
2. Your time and talents.
3. Your plans and purposes.
4. Your pleasures and possessions.
5. Your cares and anxieties.
6. Our Lives

IV. WHY WE MUST SUBMIT. James 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

1. Because God resisted the proud – sitteth himself against those who rebel against Him. It is vain to hope to succeed in the face of a resisting God.
2. Because God giveth grace to the humble. Those who submit will receive grace sufficient to pardon, to reconcile, to keep, to satisfy, and to bring into the presence of His glory. Psalm 138:6 **Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.**

As we continue to deal with Covid-19, and other storms in our lives, we need to realize that Satan is working overtime in America today. We do need to put all our trust in the Lord.

Today, March 13, as you pray, pray that God will help us put Satan aside and trust God completely.

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