Lesson Three: “Living Righteously By Faith”

LESSON OBJECTIVE:
Think about the way you live your life. Is your conduct right in all your daily activities?

INTRODUCTION: How would you evaluate the following areas of your life? Would you say you are living right? Are you keeping it “100” in these areas?

1. ___Yes or ___No: The way you eat -- your eating habits?
2. ___Yes or ___No: What you drink -- the beverages you consume?
3. ___Yes or ___No: Do you receive adequate rest? Do you go to bed on time?
4. ___Yes or ___No: Work -- do you overextend yourself?
5. ___Yes or ___No: Relationships -- are you consistent with expressing love?
6. ___Yes or ___No: Are you consistent in your Bible/devotion time?
7. ___Yes or ___No: Your language -- is it clean and appropriate?
8. ___Yes or ___No: Do you manage money wisely?
9. ___Yes or ___No: Do you keep your house clean?

Believe it or not, FAITH is required to be able to answer, “yes,” in these areas of your life.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, the kind of life you live is through faith. We are all faced with daily challenges of working out our faith in a practical way. We should be seeking to live a righteous life in all areas of our daily living.

Habakkuk 2:4 says “Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by faith.”

Scripture Lesson: Read Hebrews 11:5, 6

In today’s lesson we will look at Enoch, our second personality of faith. In order to understand Enoch and what we will learn about his faith, let’s READ Genesis 5:21-24

I. Faith Requires a Proper Walk with God
   A. Enoch walked with God. The key word is, he walked with God

QUESTION: What does it mean to walk with God?

Let’s look at others who walked with God:
1. Genesis 6:9 – Noah walked with God
2. Genesis 17:1 – Abram walked before God
QUESTION: What is the common characteristic between Enoch, Noah, and Abram? They all lived their lives as righteous men.

B. Walking with God means being properly aligned with God

QUESTION: How is your walk with God? Let’s dissect your spiritual walk by looking at your physical walk.

When you walk do you favor one side? Do you walk hunched over? Is your back erect? Does it hurt when you walk?

You should know that there is a proper way to physically walk, so that you are properly aligned.

Your physical walk must be corrected as well as your spiritual walk.

II. The Wrong Way to Walk with God

The wrong practice in your walk with God is to give into sin traps.

1. Psalm 51:5 – We were born into sin
2. Psalm 51:2 – We need to be cleansed of our sin
3. Romans 3:23 – All have sinned

You may consider yourself to be a good person, however, that does not mean your walk with God is pure, because even good people do bad things. David was considered a good person, but that did not stop him from lusting after Bathsheba, impregnating her, and she was not his wife.

People say all the time, “I am a good person.” But good people lie, find ways to skirt the system, take short cuts, curse, fail to read the Bible and pray, just to name a few. It’s the sins of a person’s life that prevents him or her from walking upright and living righteously before God.

III. The Right Way to Walk with God

Read Romans 1:17

You must LIVE right before God. Consider the followings ways to be right before God:

1. Accept being Born Again – John 3:3 – Repent of your sins
2. Submit to God’s Will – Philippians 2:12-13

QUESTION: Why is that people do not submit to the call of God on their lives?

a. ______________________________________________________

b. _____________________________________________________

c. _____________________________________________________

2a. Submitting requires obedience – John 14:21, 2 John 6

People in trying to be righteous, struggle with obedience. What is your struggle with being obedient?

2b. Pray and listen to the voice of God, Psalm 5:3

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3. Do not settle for less than Christ’s best:
   a. Stay focused on the purpose that God has ordained over your life
   b. Be willing to be used by God – Isaiah 6:8
   c. God has a plan for your life – Jeremiah 29:11

? QUESTION: Write, again, your goal/assignment for 2022:

___________________________________________________________________________

Answer the following questions:
   a. What are the possibilities that lie ahead if you work on this goal?
       ______________________________________________________
   b. What is your potential?
       ______________________________________________________

When a person walks with God, they align their lives to walk the way God wants, not what the person wants. In other words, they submit their lives to the work of God. They also seek to live a righteous life of purity and holiness, laying aside the sins that cause one to stumble.

IV. Faith in Life Pleases God

Read Hebrews 11:6

A. Faith is required to please God
   1. Faith means that you are active, and faith is acting upon God’s word
      EXAMPLE: Luke 5:20, 24 - Jesus saw their faith and he healed the man
   2. Acting on faith brings about results
   3. Know that you cannot receive from God without faith

B. Faith is Believing
   What is it that you believe?
   1. Believe that God exists
   2. He is a rewarder of them that seek Him
   3. Believe that His word is true
   Faith is acting like the word is truth and that God is telling the truth.
   If you are not living your life this way, you are not acting in faith.

Two Areas To Test Whether You Are Living by Faith -- Food and Finance

1. Eating from Faith – Romans 12:1 says to present your body
   a. Food comes from God. We are dependent on God for the production of food.
   b. Food is a gift from God. If God did not supply the food, we would all be hungry and
      would cease to be alive.
   c. We thank God for our food – I Timothy 4:4-5

? QUESTION: Are you able to trust God to eat properly on faith?
2. Faith for Finances – Our needs are met by the finances that we have to purchase goods and services from the market.

📖 **Read 2 Corinthians 9:8** – God is able to make all grace abound

Levels of Provision in which people live:
1. Insufficiently – Not able to buy because funds are not enough to cover what is being bought
2. Sufficiency – Having just enough funds to purchase the goods
3. Abundance – Has more than enough funds to purchase the goods
   
   For us, abundance means God is supplying all our needs

❓ **QUESTION:** Do you trust God with your finances?

**CONCLUSION:** Living righteously requires that we live by faith in all areas of our lives. It means that we believe what God has to say about our lives.