



COVENANT CHURCH

This Changes Everything - Part 4
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Below is a devotional study guide for you to refer to and reflect during the week. You can watch the service online again, anytime, at www.covenantchurch.org/media or on the CovLive app.

If you do not have a physical Bible, we encourage you to download one to your device. YouVersion is available in the Apple Store or on Google Play for free. It contains hundreds of versions, is translated into several languages, and includes thousands of devotional studies available right at your fingertips.

If you are a part of a Small Group, be creative in ways to meet-up. This guide can be a useful tool to lead discussions, whether it be through email, a Facebook group, a Zoom call, etc. If you have not yet joined a Small Group, there's no better time! Go to www.covenantchurch.org/groups or Small Groups on the CovLive app to search for a group that interests you!

Main Idea

As fully surrendered follower of Christ, God has a standard. And this standard must serve as the foundation to be a fully surrendered follower of Christ. Our good deeds must be done for the right reason.

Discussion One

Watch Out! Matthew 6:1

- Watch out! Don't do your good deeds (practicing righteousness) publicly - to be seen.
- God is just as concerned with how we relate to one another as He is with out we relate to Him.
- The Kingdom should dictate what we do.
- Our challenge in our culture is that we want to make our own standard of what is true, right and good.
- God established laws in the Old Testament that DO translate to the New Testament.
- 3 Types of Laws/Systems God established for the Hebrews
 - o Ceremonial Law - applied to Israel only
 - o Dietary Law - established for good health
 - o Moral Law - these did translate to the New Testament and applies to us.
 - God's moral law cannot be altered because of our changing cultures.
 - God has a standard of being a fully surrendered follower of Christ.
- Do we want to glorify ourselves or glorify God?
- Read: Revelation 5: 1-4 (NLT)
 - o Is there anyone worthy to open the scrolls?
 - o Jesus is the only one worthy.
- We do our good deeds because we are in love with Him (Jesus) - the only one who is worthy.
- Why is the right motive important?
 - o Read Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) - God wants to reward you.
 - o God loves you and He is for you.

Discussion Two

Good Deeds are expressed in GIVING.

- Giving is the truest sign of surrender.
- Read Matthew 6:2-4 (NLT)
- WHEN YOU give - As a fully surrendered follower of Christ, it is expected that we will give.
- The only thing to answer is HOW, HOW MUCH, and TO WHOM am I going to give?
- In the Kingdom of God, when we give, we increase. (Read: Prov. 11:24-25, 2 Cor. 9:7)
- Giving is intentional. Time, talent and treasure.
- If you have a heart to be generous, God will get the resource to you.

Discussion Three

Good Deeds are expressed in PRAYING.

- Praying is a sign of submission.
- Read: Matthew 6:5-6 (NLT)
- WHEN you PRAY - It is understood that we WILL pray.
- There are needs in our life that ONLY prayer can fill. The presence of God fills us up.
- “Medicate” our pain with the presence of God.
- Our reward is more of His presence.
 - Brings life, joy, pleasure and our happy hormones (dopamine, serotonin, endorphins).
- Our reward is also answered prayer.

Discussion Four

Good Deeds are expressed in FASTING.

- Fasting is a sign of sacrifice.
- Read Matthew: 6:16-18
- WHEN you fast (not IF you fast)
- Fasting is a discipline in our life as a fully surrendered follower of Christ.
- Fasting is a normal part of our routine at Covenant Church.
- We want revival, we want change.
- Read Isaiah 58:6-14
- Salvation, healing, protection, guidance.
- Fasting is a sign of sacrificial living.

Reflective Questions

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1. What elements of Good Deeds do you need to incorporate in your lifestyle (giving, prayer, fasting)?
2. Do you have an example in your life where you saw God move on your behalf?
3. Have you fully surrendered? Are you completely submitted? Do you live sacrificially?
4. What would happen if we DID fully surrender?