



COVENANT CHURCH

All In: Learning to Live in Unity - 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

God has designed each of us to be promoted in our lives and personal ministry. We must do all we can to cultivate our character and prepare for the promotions we desire to see come to fruition.

Introduction

It is good to desire promotion.

- We all desire promotion in our life.
- God desires promotion for us.
- Read: 1 Corinthians 4:2 NKJV
- Read: Psalms 75:6-7 KJV
 - Promotion comes from the Lord - it really is God who sees and promotes.
 - The geography of where God lives - the North
 - Read: Job 37:22 NKJV
 - Read: Isaiah 14:13 NKJV
 - Science has discovered the largest black hole in the universe is straight north.
- There are 3 principles for promotion.

Discussion One

Principle 1: Get rid of all substitute providers.

- Chasing after people who are where we want to be
 - o Idols are a cheap substitute.
 - o Lucifer was striving for God's position - and it got him cast from heaven.
 - o Even though he had a beautiful position in heaven, he idolized God's position.
 - o God has carved out a unique position for each of us.
- However, Don't Hide
 - o Be available for change and promotion, but remain faithful and serve where you are.
 - o Example of David in the Old Testament
 - The prophet came looking for the next King to anoint, yet David was left in the field until Samuel called for him to come in.
 - God is looking to discover faithfulness.
 - God knew David was the right man and his diligence in the field prepared him for the destiny of King.

Discussion Two

Principle 2: Develop the character that makes you promotable.

- If your dream opportunity came today, would you really be ready?
- If you were promoted, would you have the character to sustain it?
- Our character is the number one indicator of our relationship with God.
 - o Our true character is defined as: who we are when no one is looking.
- It is better to be trustworthy than to be trusted.
- If you want long-term success, develop Godly character.
 - o We must be prepared in our character for where promotion could take us.
- We are saved by grace alone, but we are promoted by merit.
 - o God will not promote you without discovering that you are faithful.
 - Read: Job 23:10 NKJV
 - When tested we want to come out of it pure as gold.
 - God sifts through all of our worthlessness to find the gold inside each of us to promote us.
 - Even in our death, at the judgement seat, God looks through our lives to see all the reasons we are saved.
- How to cultivate Godly character:
 - o Hunger after righteousness
 - o Develop a faithful private life of prayer - worship and reading the Word
 - o Have a servant's heart
 - o Be dependable - show up
 - 50% of success is showing up - SHOW UP!
 - o Be accountable - self-applied

Discussion Three

Principle 3: Prepare yourself for the position you want.

- The corporate world seems to have figured this out. Not so much in the church.
- No matter what you are called to do, do whatever you can to prepare yourself for that calling.
- Read: Matthew 22:14 NKJV
 - o Many are called, but few are chosen.
 - o What's the difference between the two?
 - Those who heard a call and responded by preparing themselves to fulfill it, were then found faithful and chosen by God.
 - We have to qualify ourself for the choosing by preparing.
 - o Many are called and leadership is always looking for those to promote because of their faithfulness.
 - o The 'calling' is up to God, but the 'choosing' involves people seeing our faithfulness.
 - o Read: 1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV

Reflective Questions

For All In: Learning to Live in Unity

1. We all should want to be promoted in our life. What areas of your life do you desire promotion?
2. What actions are you taking to build the character you need for promotion?
3. In what areas of serving and obeying God are you faithful? What areas could use more work?
4. If your dream opportunity was offered to you today, would you be ready?