



WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD.

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- 1. WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED. GALATIANS 2:20 “ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. COLOSSIANS 3:14, “ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION MARK 16:15, “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 1. TEACH THE WORD OF GOD. 2TIMOTHY 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- 2. TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1 “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

OUR STRUCRURE:

- 3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE. MARK 12:30-31, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’^[f] ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[g] There is no commandment greater than these.”
- 4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. MATTHEW 28:19-20, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

OUR SERIES ON BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- 1. WHY BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS MATTERS.
- 2. THE IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- 3. THE PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- 4. GUARDING YOUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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- TEXT: PROVERBS, 4:23
- “Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.”

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- 1. THE HIGHEST PRIORITY.
- A. It is a command, not a suggestion.
- “Above all else..... Highest priority. Why?
- The heart is the control center of life. Our emotion, thoughts, desire, decisions, will.
- B. The heart Determines Direction.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- B. The Heart Determines Direction. Luke 6:45.
- “A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”
- “Like a spring of water- If the source is clean the flow is clean, but if the source is dirty, the flow is dirty.”

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- I. THE HIGHEST PRIORITY.
- II. THE PROBLEM: The heart without Righteousness.
 - A. The Heart is Naturally Deceitful. Jeremiah 17:9.
 - “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- B. Sin Pollutes the Heart.
- Pride, Bitterness, Lust, Fear. These Corrupt our thoughts and action.
- C. External Religion Cannot fix the Heart. Matthew 15:18-19.
- “ But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the **heart**, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- I. THE PRIORITY OF GUARDING THE HEART.
- II. THE PROBLEM: The Heart without Righteousness.
- III. THE PROVISION: Righteousness From God.
- A. Righteousness is given is given Through Faith. Romans 3:22.
- “This righteousness is given through faith in^[h] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,”

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- B. A new Heart is Promised. Ezekiel 36:26.
- “ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
- “Transformation always begin from the Heart.”
- C. Christ Becomes Our Righteousness. 1 Cor. 30. “It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ”

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- IV. THE PRACTICE. How to Guard Your Heart Daily.
- A. Guard What you Let in.
- Be mindful of: Media, Conversations, Influences. Philippians 4:8 “ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things.**”

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- B. Fill your heart with God's Word.
- Psalm 119:11.
- "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
- "Daily intake of the Scripture is Protection."
- C. Walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:16, "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."
- The Spirit produces righteousness in us. *Dependence replaces self-effort.*

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- D. Practice Quick Repentance. 1 John 1:9.” If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”
- Don’t let sin settle in your heart. A guarded heart is Responsive heart.”
- E. Set Spiritual Boundaries. 2 Timothy 2:22 , “Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ”

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GUARD OUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- V. THE PRODUCT: A Righteous life Flows Out.
- A. Righteous Words.
 - *Your Speech Reflects Your Heart.
- B. Righteous Actions.
 - Integrity, Obedience , Love.
- C. Righteous Influence.
- Proverbs 3:23 “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

CONCLUSION:

- “GUARDING YOUR HEART IS NOT PASSIVE—IT IS INTENTIONAL, SPIRITUAL, AND DAILY. YOU CANNOT GUARD IT WITHOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND YOU CANNOT PRODUCE RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT CHRIST. A GUARDED HEART IS A SURRENDERED HEART, FILLED WITH GOD’S WORD AND LED BY THE SPIRIT.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is currently influencing your heart?
- 2. Are feeding Righteousness or neglecting it?
- 3. Do you need to surrender your heart fully to God today.?

CONCLUSION:

- ROMANS 12: 1-2 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”