

The Christian Center Newsletter 2-25-24

How to Stop Ungodly Behavior and Live Like God!!!

If you have been a Christian for very long, you know that you want to live like Jesus. Most of us, in the body of Christ, have tried so hard to stop the ungodly desires of our flesh but have failed to do so. Some may say that it's because we have not put enough effort into it: we haven't spent enough time fasting and praying; we haven't punished ourselves enough... Now all those things sound noble and honorable, but let me help you understand why those activities never last very long. All those activities involve you beholding you. You're always measuring yourself and giving yourself a passing grade or a failing grade. None of us can ever measure up to Jesus, that's why we need to see ourselves in Him. We must constantly behold Him, then we will become like Him. Jesus always looked at His Father, and here we read His remarks...

John 5:19 MSG So Jesus explained Himself at length. "I'm telling you this straight. The Son can't independently do a thing, only what He sees the Father doing. What the Father does, the Son does. The Father loves the Son and includes Him in everything He is doing.

Then Jesus tells us how to live like Him in these Scripture verses...

Ephesians 5:1-2 MSG Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with Him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that.

I've been on planet earth for a lot of years, and I've observed the human race quite a bit. I've seen people that have just messed their life up so bad that it takes a miracle from God to get them free from their own destructive behavior. Well, many of these people do come to God after they've lived

this destructive lifestyle, but only in order for God to bail them out. Sometimes they do get a deliverance; but it is short lived, if they don't put into practice the art of beholding Father God and Jesus in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word; that is right, but it is also God. God has written this Book, called the Bible, primarily to get us to see Him and His awesome character. Now it is a big book, and it has to be rightly divided. God has really been misunderstood by people that haven't had God-sent teachers to teach them the Bible.

Let us look at some Scriptures that bear this out.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Philippians 2:5-13 KJV Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: [6] Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: [7] But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: [8] And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given him a Name which is above every name: [10] That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; [11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [12] Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. [13] For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Sylvester Stallone is a movie star, and if you were to ask people around the world who he is, the majority would probably say Rocky. I will close this Newsletter with a question for you. How did Sylvester Stallone become Rocky? Obviously, he studied the movie script until he became the character of Rocky. I've learned over decades of living a Christian life, that

my character becomes more like God, the more I focus on Him and not so much on me. The more I meditate on Him, the more I will become like Him. The Bible is Who God is, and it tells us who we are.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Acts 26

Tuesday Acts 27

Wednesday Acts 28

Thursday Romans 1

Friday Romans 2

Saturday Romans 3

Sunday Romans 4

STAY CONNECTED

** Here is the link for The Christian Center app- -
<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Jersey Mikes 2504 NW Cache Rd

** Easter Pageant rehearsals are every Sunday 2pm No sign up; just show up at the Holy City

** You can give by texting through the TCC app.

** Spiritual Awakening Seminar March 8-9

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career — 18-26 years of age - Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Marriage - Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm before Services in the Foundation 1 Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

** Mobile Prayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Saturday 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Saturday 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Saturday 11am -2 pm at Camp Faith