



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: Jul 14, 2024
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Title: Get the Chip

Text: Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Timothy 3:5)

Target: Spirit-led life produces a “why not you” lifestyle that begins with Belief, and over time changes who you are Becoming, but today we will practically deal with our Behaviors.

Question #1: *Do you believe it is difficult for people to genuinely explore their beliefs and behaviors with others? If so, what obstacles typically lie in the way? What value does frequent reexamination of these bring to our lives?*

I. Lay it Down: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

A. To God: (Romans 12:1)

1. **Humility:** (James 4:10)

2. **Honesty:** (Hebrews 4:13)

B. Towards Others: (1 Cor. 10:13)

3. **Transparency:** (Galatians 6:2)

a. **Admission:** (James 5:16)

a. **Reconciliation:** (Matthew 5:23-24)

4. **Accountability:** (Proverbs 27:17)

a. **Invitation:** (1 Cor. 10:12)

a. **Investigation:** (1 Thess. 5:11)

Question #2: *Proverbs 3:5-6 emphasizes trusting in the Lord. What practical ways can you lay down your understanding and fully trust God in your daily life? How can humility (James 4:10) and honesty (Hebrews 4:13) play a role in this process?*

II. Mind the Gap: *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 13:14)*

A. Clarity in the Cycles: (Romans 7:18)

5. **Triggers:** (1 Peter 2:11)

- 6. **Tendencies:** (Romans 6:6)
- 7. **Trajectories:** (Romans 6:12)
- B. **Consistency of Character:** (Galatians 5:1, 13)
 - 8. **Healthy Habits:** (Hebrews 12:1)
 - a. **Choices:** (Galatians 5:16)
 - a. **Circles:** (1 Cor. 15:33)
 - 9. **Holy Habits:** (Hebrews 4:16)
 - a. **Spiritual Disciplines:** (Colossians 3:16)
 - a. **Together:** (Hebrews 10:25)

Question #3: *How can we begin to recognize our triggers (1 Peter 2:11), tendencies (Romans 6:6), and trajectories (Romans 6:12) to help break negative cycles? What role does community play in this pursuit and how does that impact our Consistency of Character?*

- III. **Stay Battle Ready:** *“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”* (1 Peter 5:8)
 - A. **Know your Covering:** (Ephesians 6:11)
 - B. **Walk in Courage:** (Proverbs 28:1, John 16:33, 1 John 3:8)
 - C. **Speak with Confidence:** (Proverbs 18:21, James 3:5)

Takeaway: It all starts with a **Blue Chip**.

Question #4: **Take a moment to reflect** on your personal beliefs and behaviors that are unaligned with God’s truth. Now plan with one another how you will stay battle-ready. *When you are faced with triggers or a tendency to step into that cycle of belief or ungodly behavior, what lessons from this message will you use to combat that? What accountability will you have and what confident truth will you turn to?*