

BE AN EXAMPLE

Lesson #2 -In Conduct

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

Introduction:

1. When one thinks of Ruth, Esther, or Barnabas they remember good example of conduct.
2. If others are going to see the example of Jesus living in us, we must be an example in our conduct.
3. We are examples in our conduct by...

I. KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL

A. PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE -Hosea 4:6

1. E.g. The men of Athens -Ac 17
2. Men today are plagued with a distorted view of God's will
 - a. Everyone is okay with God regardless of their way of life (i.e. homosexuality / abortion)
 - b. Many believe that one path is as good as another -ref. Mt 7:13, 14

B. PEOPLE NEED THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE

1. We must know the truth for ourselves -Jn 8:31, 32; 2Ti 2:15
2. We reflect the truth to others -2Co 4:3-7

II. WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD

A. WE WERE CALLED TO THIS

1. Paul made this clear in several passages -Ep 4:1, Ro 16:2, Ph 1:27, 1Th 2:12
2. Knowledge is motivated by faith into action -2Co 5:9, 2Ti 2:4

B. BEING FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK

1. The fruit is manifested before others; one cannot hide the truth -Mt 7:15-20; 12:33-37
2. Sadly, some may profess to be a Christian, but their life reflects otherwise.

III. PATIENCE AND LONGSUFFERING

A. CHRISTIANS HAVE TO ENDURE SUFFERINGS IN THIS LIFE

1. Remember it is only a "light affliction" -2Co 4:16-18
2. Endurance through trials makes our character strong -Ro 5:1-5; Ja 1:1-5

B. KEEPING THE PROPER FOCUS

1. We keep our eyes on the goal that is ahead -1Pe 4:13
2. When performed properly, others cannot help but notice our endurance -Ac 16:22-25

IV. GRATITUDE FOR ALL GOD HAS DONE FOR US

A. WE ARE HEIRS OF THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

1. Christians have been set apart just as God's people in the OT -Ac 26:17, 18
2. Christians are in the light as He is in the light -1Jn 1:5-7

B. WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM DARKNESS

1. This is by the power of the blood of the Son of God -Ep 1:7; Ac 20:28
2. We have been washed clean through baptism -Ac 22:16
3. We have risen to walk in newness of life -Ro 6:1-4

Conclusion:

1. When one has the knowledge of the will of God, put his faith in that will, he will follow
2. When that one does follow, others will consequently find a good example of conduct set before them to follow themselves.

