

Things That Please The Father

I. This Seminar is about “Things that Please the Father.”

A. Col 1:10 - "So that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects."

1 Thess 4:1 - "You received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God."

Eph 5:10 - "We are trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord."

Heb 13:21 - "He will equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight."

1 John 3:21-22 - "Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."

B. Psalm 133 - To the degree that we are united is the degree that we will experience the blessing and presence of God.

1. "Good = Towb" to be used in its most widest sense, beautiful and best.

a. Unity is attractive to God - Attracts means to draw to, to move towards and unite with.

1) Our unity attracts God and causes Him to unite with us

2) "Wherever two or three are gathered, I am in their midst"

b. When we are united we are at our best.

1) John 17:23 - "perfected in unity" - "Teleioo" = To add what is yet wanting.

2) Our best is brought out with each other and by each other

2. "Pleasant = na-yim" delightful, agreeable and musical.

a. Unity is like a good song - A good song will stay with you.

b. How many of you would like to be stuck in God's thoughts

3. Unity is like the oil on the head of Aaron. (Unity starts from the head down)

a. Which is anointing oil that sets us apart for the task that God has called us to.

b. Lev 8:12 - "Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him."

1) Psalm 139:17 - Thoughts "Rea" = a purpose, an aim, a target.

2) There are some things that God wants to use us to do, that we can't do, because we can't do them by ourselves. (We need each other to make up for our lack)

c. Unity is like oil upon the head, where God begins to set you apart as a unified group to hit a certain target.

4. It's what brings the power for your purpose.

a. Even in the beginning God recognizes how powerful unity is:

Genesis 11:6 - "the people are one, and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." KJV

b. Ecc 4:9 - "Two are better than One."

1) Natural and Spiritual Phenomena - 2 yoked together produces a third

2) Deut 32:30 "I will put a 1000 to flight, 2 will put 10,000"

5. Any kind of unity will release power.

a. The unity of silence released power that fell the wall of Jericho.

b. The unity of song released power that to overcome Israel's enemies in
2 Chronicles 20

c. The unity of sadness and supplications released power on the day of Pentecost

5. Unity is like dew of hermon in that it is what brings the refreshing of the Lord.

a. Unity not only releases the "oil for purpose" which empowers you to minister to others, but it also releases the "dew of refreshing" which is designed to minister to you in order to restore you.

b. The oil is the power to help others, but the dew is the refreshing to help yourselves.

5. Unity is what brings the blessing of life - "chay" which means something that is flowing, fresh, lively, active, and reviving.

C. This kind of Unity doesn't come easy - it comes at a cost.

1. This kind of Unity isn't produced in good times but in bad, not in the easy times but the tough.

a. Real Unity isn't the absence of divisiveness or relational problems but the ability to work through them.

b. When Michael asked the Lord why is he singing the FCC song - He'll say I let some things go wrong in their midst and:

Instead of griping about the problems they gathered for prayer

Instead of gossiping about each other they decided to guard one another

Instead of seeing it as a chastening, they say it as a challenge

Instead of getting depressed they got determined

Instead of blaming each other they started to build each other

Instead of splitting from one another they decided to stay with each other

2. Colossians 3:12-14

a. **“bearing with one another” means to endure the problems that arise in all relationships.**

b. It means to learn to put up with people you can't change

c. **It means we need to learn to love the people you are stuck with.**

d. All of us know the claustrophobia that comes with commitment.

e. **All relationships require loyalty for survival.**

D. There are only three ways to deal with relational problems- Flee, Fight, or Forgive.

1. **Most opt to flee**

- To get out of the relationship and to start again elsewhere.
- **Though they are surprised when the condition surfaces wherever they go.**
- Real commitment doesn't leave you this option. (Church in Orlando)
- **If God led you into a relationship He knew what was awaiting you.**

2. Others fight

- **Relationships become combat zones - Tension becomes a way of life**
- They fight to vindicate themselves - They want to be right more than they want to be reconciled

3. **A few discover the on real cure for “relational problems” which is forgiveness.**

E. How did Jesus stay devoted to His disciples ?

1. **How was He able to love people who were hard to like.**

2. The answer to these questions are found in John 13:1-5

3. **The genius of Jesus' example is that:**

a. The burden of bridge-building falls on the strong one, not the weak one.

b. **The one who is innocent is the one who makes the gesture.**

c. Relationships don't thrive because the guilty are punished but because the innocent are merciful.