

Commit It To The Lord Handling Your Problems

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Handling Trials

- When we try to handle our trials by ourselves we ultimately fail even when we think we have been successful.
- When we handle trials by our own methods we act in arrogance and reject the grace and wisdom of God.
- Satan wants us to believe we can handle our trials independently of God.

God's Purpose of Suffering

- When we understand God's purpose for our trials we view them as tools to transform our lives.
- God can also use our trials to transform us and use us in the lives of others.
- Suffering hurts and we don't like the pain but it yields peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Mistakes Made In Our Trials

- In the midst of trials we make several major mistakes.
- First we talk too much to people about our problems.
- Second we talk too little to the Lord.
- Third, we are prone to turn our own strategies to handle those problems
- We want God's help but only on our terms

Example to Follow – Heb. 12:1-3

- Jesus is our perfect example because he focused on the joy that was set out before Him.
- Jesus trust was in the Father's faithfulness and his focus was on the reward.
- Peter develops this theme of Jesus as our perfect example further in 1 Peter 2:21-23.

What the Example of Jesus Teaches

- Jesus shows us how he refused to use typical solutions and strategies we all tend to use to handle our trials.
- Jesus reminds us that while being reviled, he did not revile in return or use threats.
- Jesus teaches us that he kept entrusting himself to Him who judges righteously.
- Rather than taking matters in his own hand Jesus handed his suffering over to the father.

A Command To Obey 1 Peter

5:5-7

- We have a command to cast all our anxiety on the Lord because God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to humble.
- Before we can cast our problems on the Lord we must come down off our high horse and recognize our insufficiency.
- Peter reminds us that God alone has the power needed to handle the problems of life.

Failure to Trust The Lord

- When we seek to handle our problems without faith and dependence on the Lord we lack trust in God.
- When we manipulate and stretch the truth of God we ignore spiritual principles we fail to trust the Lord.
- When we fail to trust ourselves totally on the sufficiency of God we fail to trust the Lord.

Casting All Our Cares Upon Him

- When we humble ourselves the outcome of our humility shows us how to cast our cares on God.
- Cast means to throw some thing on something or on someone else.
- To cast means to deposit with another for safe keeping.
- Lk 19:35 casting is a command in 1 Peter 5:6

Casting and Humility

- Casting is simultaneous to humbling ourselves.
- Casting shows us how or is the result of humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God.
- We could translate be humbled by casting the whole of your care on Jesus.
- Care means your concern, your thought, your anxiety.

A Promise to Claim-He Cares for You.

- We should cast our care on Jesus because it is a care to Him.
- We need to be bold in our trials: God loves is totally, absolutely and unconditionally.
- God wants to heal us. God wants to mend our brokenness and make us whole.
- God wants the best for us and that best is to be conformed to the character of His Son.

Committing Our Problems to God.

- We commit our problems to the Lord through prayer.
- Prayer is the marvelous grace provision of God which allows us to lay hold to God's sovereign throne.
- When we pray we find grace to help in our time of need. Heb 4:16.

Privilege and Promise Offered

- James 1:5; Jeremiah 10:23
- James reminds us of the awesome privilege of seeking God's wisdom.
- James tells us how to commit our trials to the Lord through praying for wisdom.
- The Psalms are loaded with examples of the truth that through prayer and lifting burdens the Lord provides confidence to his grace.

The Prerequisite Needed

James 1:6-8

- Committing our problems to the Lord involves asking our heavenly father for wisdom so we can understand all that is involved.
- It is easy for us to have doubts and wonder where God is, and may cause us to want to shout at God in defiant anger.
- James tells us to ask in faith without any doubting.

Wavering and Doubting

- Doubting and wavering in one's mind is the primary idea of waves tossed by the sea.
- To doubt and waiver in our prayer is related to arguments we are having in our hearts with God.
- One moment there is the voice of yes of faith;; the next moment it is the vice of no of disbelief.

Prayer of Unwavering Faith

- This is a prayer that rest in the truth of scripture regarding God's person and promises.
- We have to deal with any wrong attitudes and actions in a spirit of humility to receive God's truth.
- It is God's implanted word that enables us to handle our frustration and wrong reactions in life.

Appropriation of God's Word

- In order to produce an active growing faith that rests in the knowledge of God and His provisions we need appropriation of God's word.
- Our need is to ask the Father to remove the difficulty if it's His will and use it in our lives.
- Part of our maturing process is to get us to deal with four dangers in the Christian life.

Four Dangers to Christian Life

- Misplaced confidence 1 Tim. 6:17.
- Misused Privileges 1 Cor. 10:1
- Misguided Priorities Matt 6:19.
- Missed Reality Matt. 23:1

Summary of Lesson

- We must humble ourselves and learn how to cast our cares on God.
- We commit our problems to the Lord through prayer.
- James tells us to ask in faith without doubting.
- To doubt and waiver in our prayer is related to arguments we are having in our hearts with God.
- We have to deal with any wrong attitudes and actions in a spirit of humility to receive God's truth.
- We must be alert to the four dangers to Christian life.

See You Sunday

- 7:30 – Pastor Washington
- 9:30 – Reid North – Rev. Watley
- 10:30 – Pastor Washington – Power Surge
- 6:00 – Reid North – Rev. Watley
- Don't forget to win a soul to Christ!
- Invite someone to Church this week.
- Blessings!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!1