

Majoring on the Majors!
Part 5: "Friendship with the World is Adultery to God!"
Slide Notations

Left off... Talking about our intimacy with God! #1 factor of Christian fullness/satisfaction! Have to tame our money, have to rightly order and build our relationships... **But knowing God, hearing His voice, having His heart, mind and nature - #1!**

3 steps to intimacy! Presentation, Separation and Participation!

We present ourselves... With love for His life giving sacrifice! With gratefulness for His graciousness! With humility for His exaltation! With reverence for His holiness! With anticipation of His justice! With expectation of His chastening! Without hesitation because we are accepted in the Beloved!

We separate ourselves... From the world because we are called out and separated for good works! For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. **1Th4.7** "Our name was called not for uncleanness but for holiness!" For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them. **E2.10** We separate ourselves from evil because our sins separate us from God... **Is 59.2** But we also separate ourselves from things "good and acceptable" for the sake of being wholly, solely, His! **SOS**

We participate w/Him... Thru His word... because it's where He promises to come & camp w/us! **J14.23** Thru personal ministry... Because it's where we feel and fill His heart! **J21.15ff** Preaching the good news and watching men's hearts awaken to His voice flowing thru our mouths! **2C5.17-20** "We are His ambassadors and He makes His appeal to them thru us!"

We participate w/Him... Searching, fanatically, for His lost sheep, lost treasure, and wasted sons! **Lk 15.4ff** Modeling His lifestyle to people running thru life w/us! **R11.14** Serving lovely and unlovable people just as He did us! **J13.13-17 1C9.19-22** Unashamedly instructing others w/regard for their will! **R1.16-32** Weeping over the blind and unrepentant... **Lk19.41**

We do all this drawing near for the sake of our personal intimacy with God & the fulfillment it brings us... We do it for the sake of the people around us... who need the security God gives in intimacy with Him... And we draw near to become rock solid for the world about to go thru a "storm, a shaking and a fire!"

The Storm... Is not healthcare! The CBO has drastically underestimated the cost of the health care plan! 30,000,000 X \$100 = \$3,000,000,000 mo. \$36,000,000,000 yr/150,000,000 taxpayers = \$240 yr per \$100/not bad; though doesn't include deductibles, co-pays, drug subsidies! Doubled/3x most would do it/benevolence/poor w/o breaking the bank!

The storm is not in the 'how much' but in the 'how' it was passed! The winds of corruption are threatening to leave a deposit on every borderline American!

The Quaking... Is not deaf politicians shaking the foundations of the American way! Never in our history have so many representatives taken such an openly elite position against their constituents! Never before in American history have we allowed so many to pad their pockets as they jump into their lifeboats!

The shaking of America has to do w/uncovering the greed and lusts in the hearts of our leaders!

The Fire... Is not economy/jobs! So many people feel like they are going thru the fire if they lose their jobs... The real burn is going to come when the economy tanks... And we find out we have little or no faith for sustenance!

The fire of God is coming to purify our hearts and our choice of masters!

The days ahead have everything to do with the costs of America turning away from God... And as America submerges into sinful darkness people will become frightened and confused... And they will need people, who intimately know God, and the way that leads to safety!

So, with nothing more important to a believer than intimacy with the One who saved us... Must understand that the opposite of intimacy w/God is intimacy w/world! And the final piece is that intimacy with the world is adultery against God!

Intimacy... Comes from spending time w/partner! How much time do we spend becoming intimate with God? His ways? (By name) called out of darkness into His marvelous light? 1P2.9 Basking? Tanning? “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you!” Jam 4.8 Ps 73.28 Interested? “How long will you turn My glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and lies? God has set apart the godly for Himself! Ps4.3 Hmmmmm?

Intimacy... Comes from spending time w/partner! How much time do we spend becoming intimate with the world? Delivered out of her destructive hands! No business seeing her, studying her, laying w/her, dreaming w/her, working – living – pimping for her again! 2P2.1-22 What do we teach our kids about it? Don’t we train them to excel? To value worldliness? Aren’t we those kids?

“Adulterer’s and adulteresses, don’t you know that the flipside of friendship w/the world is hostility toward God! Do you know that He craves possession of you?” Jam 4.4,5

The hardest battle we face is the constant one against the world culture wanting us back!

Jack on Culture... Celebrity came for counseling... (Where I learned, ‘if it happened, it’s fair game/instruction...’) “Why? Why would you let the culture influence you like this?”

Paul on culture... “If eating meat causes my brother to sin I will eat no meat as long as the world stands!” 1C8.13 Not a case for vegetarianism! Case for accepting cultural norms at expense of loveless self-satisfaction/ savings/service!

What about us? What cultural norms are winning over us/defeating others?

Cultural norms? (Develop a principle to apply to every area of our lives)

Drinking? How do you keep your kids from entry level alcohol/drugs if you are a casual drinker (world norm)? *Spirit is in the house!* God’s norm: “People who want to be someone are abstinent and far from wine!” 1Tim3.1-3

[If Jesus had been alive on the earth when the Holy Spirit issued that injunction to the church world thru Paul, He would have obeyed it immediately, without question, not tried to find an exemption!].

So... “If drinking causes my kids/friends to stumble I will drink no wine as long as the earth stands!”
Not legalism – love developed in intimacy!

Other Cultural norms? Swearing? Closest friends/mentors! **Sexing?** If unmarried grown-ups can have sex because they are “in love”/anyone with “normal love desires” can too! **Anger/arguing?** Break up to make up really the norm? **Piercing?** Anything normal old guy/gal trying to look like a kid? Over 25 settle the rebellion stage issues. **Tatting?** It’s your body, do what...! Really? God’s norm? **Marriage?** **Parenting?** **Business?** Do we really have to lie to do business? **Educ?**

Offending me! Yes! Because it’s your sense that keep putting you to sleep! Can’t feel your ring/earrings... senses block it out, normal! Can’t smell certain smells... senses cancel the stench! Can’t taste certain things... tastes adapted! And when it is sin/stumbling behavior need a spiritual head slap to wake up! And people are dying while self-indulge!

Ezekiel 14.3ff “Son of man, they have set up idols in their heart and put stumbling blocks of sin before them: why should I listen to them at all? Speak to them... tell them I will deal with them according to the multitude of their idols, I will bring them down because their hearts are so far from Me. Tell them... to turn around from their idols and abominations because if not, I will turn My face and use them as examples for others...”

Matt 24.5-22 “In the end, don’t let wars or threats of wars shake you – keep your head and don’t panic. Don’t let betrayal and persecution of believers rock you – keep standing in My name. It’s sin, growing, and the love of many going cold you need to defend against – Know that the one who endures to the end will be saved and if those days weren’t limited, no flesh would be saved! But for the sake of the elect the days will be limited!

Gal 6.9 Do not grow weary of doing what is right! If you don’t give up you will reap at the right time!