Series: Living with Integrity

Walking in Love

Heavenly Father,

Guide us to love people around us and stop us from hating one another.

Guide us to love our families and bring more families together to end broken relationships

Thank you for your love for me

Thank you for your support for what I do that continue to lead me to the path of righteousness

Thank you for your wisdom

Guide us to overcome fear in our life daily

Thank you for helping me overcome fear in my life

In Jesus name, Amen

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us[a] and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light. So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. And we are members of his body. As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."-Ephesians 5

I want to tell you a true story about young people today because young people that see you smiling for no reason think you are crazy. You have some young people gossiping about people that smile a lot about nothing and walk around just smiling. That's got me thinking about Ephesians 5 and young people do not know and read the bible. There needs to be more bible teachings in schools to teach children and youth about the bible. As a christian and disciple, I understand Ephesians 5 when it says provide love in small amounts while serving God as rock of your salvation and serving God as your personal savior. As a christian and disciple, I imitate God daily to express my obedience to him and that what we all need to do is imitate God as the rock of our salvation and let our hearts continue to grow as a mustard seed to heaven. My family members told me the same thing while I was a child and called me nutty or looked retarded. I do not think I am retarded smiling at myself and smiling for nothing. I am happy for the opportunity to serve God and continue to live and experience life through his grace and mercy on earth.

Ephesians 5 states that we must continue to walk in the light as christians and disciples by living an obedient life to God under his grace and mercy. Turn to the person next to you and say walk into light. We need to stop being all about greed and being all about ourselves. God does not worship takers from the throne in heaven. We must sacrifice ourselves for God and the holy spirit like Jesus did for us when died for our sins on that cross before he was buried in the tomb. Another way we need to walk in love to God is do not be afraid to live your life as a virgin until you find the right person to love and spend eternity with. This will prevent rape and incest among women that experience unexpected pregnancies. This will decrease unexpected abortions and decrease the abortion rates in this nation among women that witnessed unexpected pregnancies. Advocates and Democrats should be campaigning on reproductive rights and providing access to abortion for women. Life on earth is precious and newborn babies are gifts of life from God and creator of human life on earth.

- 1. We need to avoid joking about others and take life more seriously. This is what young people under 30 years of age need to start doing and start respecting their elders and taking their life more seriously. That means people under 30 need to start hating others. It means homeless people that do not have anything need to start hating on success and sophistication. Everybody goes through unexpected bad and tough times in their life because we all have trials and tribulations.
- 2. We need to avoid foolish talk from wicked and sinful people that think they know everything about the bible and life.
- 3. Do not make excuses for your sins and start living an obedient life to God and the Holy Spirit so your heart can grow as a mustard seed to heaven.
- 4. Do not live your life greedily to be a tax collector or mammon.
- 5. Stay away from 1 John 2:15-17
- 6. We need to stop doing what sinners do and being conformed to the world. We need to have our own mind and let God guide us as christians and disciples to the kingdom.
- 7. Be careful on how we use our freewill to God in our life and avoid making sinful decisions that represent Satan and his kingdom.
- 8. If you are dealing with an addiction in a program that involves mental health and substance abuse, you need to let God guide you out of drunkenness into the light. I say substance abuse programs and mental health programs need to be more spiritual with more spiritual minded people, such as executive directors of substance abuse programs and mental health programs need to hire more spiritual minded and christian-like people that are loyal to church and live as a disciple to God.

Hiring people in those organizations that live like sinners and ungodliness will not work for people that are all about recovery from substance abuse and mental health illnesses. Read and memorize Galatians 5:21-22 and Ephesians 5::18 daily to continue to live our life with the fruit of the spirit.

9. Love your spouses and families. I am not talking about LGBTQ couples because this congregation do not believe in that and same-sex marriage.

I want to say it is not good to live our life with a lot of pride and making prideful decisions to think about ourselves. We need to live a spiritual life and let God guide us in our life. We do not live our life with pride and worry and think about ourselves to try to do stuff on our own and live conformed to the world. We need to let God guide us during our tribulations and life without pride by letting God help us under his grace and mercy and let people other people like family and friends help us.

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