

Marks of a Local Body that Embodies
the **LIFE** and **GLORY** of God

Message Three



Tuesday PM, October 8, 2019 Pastor Mark Trotter

INTRODUCTION and REVIEW

- ◆ Hebrews 10:5-7 -
- ◆ Acts 1:9 -
- ◆ Ephesians 1:22-23 -

PRIORITY #1:

Because Christ is the **WORD** of God (John 1:1, 14) ...

We must embrace an uncompromising priority on **EXPOSITORY PREACHING**.

PRIORITY #2:

Because Christ is the **IMAGE** of God (Colossians 1:15) ...

We must embrace an uncompromising priority on **BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP**.

PRIORITY #3:

Because Christ is the **POWER** of God (Romans 1:16) ...

We must embrace an uncompromising priority on **GLOBAL MISSIONS**.

TONIGHT'S MESSAGE- The 4th and 5th ATTRIBUTES and PRIORITIES of the Local Church

PRIORITY #4:

Because Christ is the _____ of God (John 1:4; 15:4-5) ...

We must embrace an uncompromising priority on _____.

◆ God's "LIFE" in the _____ Body of Christ.

- John 14:6 -
- John 1:4 -
- John 5:26 -
- John 11:25 -
- 1 John 5:11 -

◆ God's "LIFE" in the _____ Body of Christ.

- Colossians 3:4 -
- 2 Corinthians 4:10 -

♦ **God's "LIFE" as it was intended to be " _____ " from the beginning.**

- Genesis 1:26 -
- Genesis 2:7 -
- Genesis 1:28 -
- Genesis 2:18 -
- Genesis 3:6/5:3 -
- 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47 -

Note: God's plan through the _____ is the same as it was through the _____:
 "To be fruitful, and _____ and replenish the earth." (Gen. 1:28; John 15:16)

- * The 1st Adam was to fulfill his commission through _____ reproduction.
- * The 2nd Adam is to fulfill His commission through _____ reproduction.
- * But the end result was intended to be the same: _____ reproduction!

"MARKS OF A LOCAL BODY THAT EMBODIES THE LIFE OF GOD"

In a local body that embodies the Life of God...

- 1. EVERY PERSON IS FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING AN INTIMATE, PERSONAL, LOVE _____ WITH CHRIST... RESULTING IN BEARING _____.** (John 15:4-5, 16a)

In a local body that embodies the Life of God...

- 2. EVERY PERSON THEN FOCUSES ON INVESTING IN THEIR SPIRITUAL OFFSPRING SO THAT THE "FRUIT _____." (John 15:16b)**

Note: "Investing" = seeing our spiritual offspring/"fruit" grow to _____ by them developing an intimate, personal love relationship with Christ that results in them bearing _____.

CONCLUSION TO PRIORITY #4-

- God has left us here to **REPRODUCE** " _____ " ...
 That will be a part of **REPRODUCING** " _____ churches" ...
 So the world can be " _____."

PRIORITY #5:

Because Christ is the _____ of God (John 1:14) ...

◆ In the PHYSICAL Body of Christ:

- John 1:14 -
- Hebrews 1:3 -
- Hebrews 2:7 -
- Hebrews 2:9 -

◆ In the SPIRITUAL Body of Christ:

- 1 Thessalonians 2:12 -
- 2 Thessalonians 2:14 -
- 1 Peter 5:10 -

We must embrace an uncompromising priority on _____.

"MARKS OF A LOCAL BODY THAT EMBODIES THE GLORY OF GOD"

In a local body that embodies the Glory of God...

1. EVERY PERSON IS _____ IN OUR _____ OF WORSHIP.

A. The Old Testament _____ word for worship: "*Shachah*"

- The word is translated in the Old Testament _____ (99), bow (31), bow down (18), obeisance (9), reverence (5), fall down (3).

* Worship is an attitude of our heart that produces an _____ demonstration of reverence.

* Worship is our saying to God; "*Lord, I hold you in _____!*"

B. The New Testament _____ word for worship: "*Proskuneo*"

- The word is found _____ times in our King James Bible and every time it is translated the same way: _____.

- By its usage, we come away with the idea that...

* Worship is an expression of both the REVERENCE and AFFECTION in our _____ toward the Lord.

* Worship is our saying to God: "*Lord, I _____ You!*"

C. The Old-English word for worship: " _____ - _____ "

- The word means "to ascribe _____ to someone or something."

* Worship is DECLARING with our _____ and/or DEMONSTRATING by our _____ that for which we count the Lord WORTHY.

* Worship is our saying to God: "*Lord, you are _____ of my ALL!*"

D. Our Lord provides an incredible PERSPECTIVE on WORSHIP in _____.

- The God who needs NOTHING and needs NO ONE actually " _____ " our WORSHIP!

E. Our Lord also provides an incredible PERSPECTIVE on WORSHIP in _____.

**FIVE POWERFUL AND LIFE-CHANGING TRUTHS CONCERNING WORSHIP
IN THE 20 WORDS OF LUKE 10:42.**

1. Worship is a _____. (*"Mary hath CHOSEN that good part."*)
2. Worship is more important than _____. (*"Mary that chosen that GOOD PART."*)
3. Worship is _____. (*"Which shall not be TAKEN AWAY from her."*)
4. Worship is the MAIN _____ and the MAIN _____. (*"But ONE THING is needful."*)
5. Worship is _____. (*"But one thing is NEEDFUL."*)

In a local body that embodies the Glory of God...

2. EVERY PERSON IS _____ OF THE _____ OF WORSHIP.

A. To _____, WORSHIP was the " _____ THING." (Luke 10:42)

B. To _____, WORSHIP was the " _____ THING." (Phil. 3:13-14)

C. To _____, WORSHIP was the " _____ THING." (Psalm 27:4)

- David's "ONE" thing is expressed _____ ways in Psalm 27:4:
 1. "DWELLING in the _____ of the Lord." (The _____ of worship.)
 2. "BEHOLDING the _____ of the Lord." (Our _____ of worship.)
 3. "INQUIRING in His _____." (The _____ of worship.)

* WORSHIP was David's _____.

* But note David's EPITAPH in 1 Kings 15:5...

"Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite."

- David's "DOWNFALL" is likewise expressed _____ ways in 2 Samuel 11:1-3.
 1. "DWELLING" in _____ (11:1-2a)
 2. "BEHOLDING" the _____ of a _____. (11:26b)
 3. "ENQUIRING" about the woman's _____. (11:3)

A KEY LESSON TO LEARN FROM "THE MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART!"

- When WORSHIP ceases to be our "ONE thing," and simply becomes...
" _____ " thing... " _____ " thing... " _____ " thing...

We put ourselves in an incredibly vulnerable position to make SINFUL _____ that will affect us for the rest of our lives!

ADDENDUM

In a local body that embodies the Glory of God...

3. EVERY PERSON IS CONSOLIDATED IN THE EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP.

A. Worshipping is expressed biblically through SINGING.

- There are nearly 600 references to people singing praises to God.
- 44 of the 66 Books of the Bible make reference to music.
- The longest Book of the Bible (Psalms) is a song Book!
- God desires and delights in the worship of His children expressed from their hearts through SINGING. (Psalm 69:30-31)
- When we become a Christian we become a singer because He puts a song in our heart and in our mouth. (Psalm 40:3)

B. Worshipping is expressed biblically through GIVING. (Psalm 96:7-9)

- There are approximately 500 verses on prayer in the Bible.
- There are fewer than 500 verses on faith in the Bible.
- There are almost 600 verses on singing in the Bible.
- There are more than 2,350 verses on handling money in the Bible.
- Jesus had more to say about money than He did heaven!
- Jesus had more to say about money than any other subject!

WHY DOES GOD PLACE SUCH AN EMPHASIS ON MONEY?

1. Money is the **BAROMETER** of our **HEARTS**.
 - Jeremiah 17:9 -
 - Matthew 6:21 -
 - ◆ *The subjectivity of our hearts is made very objective by where we invest our money.*
 - ◆ *"You can tell more about a person's character by examining his bank statement than by listening to him talk."*
2. Money vies for the place of **LORDSHIP** in our lives.
 - Matthew 6:24 -
3. Money is the **GAUGE** that reveals whether we can handle the stewardship of **TRUE RICHES**.
 - Luke 16:10-11 -
 - ◆ *"True riches" = Riches that are **ETERNAL**.*
 - ◆ *"True riches" = The **WORD** of GOD and the **SOULS** of MEN.*

C. Worshipping is expressed biblically through PRAYING. (Psalm 5:1-3)

- * Mark 12:30 -
- * Luke 19:10 -
- * John 4:23 -
- * Luke 11:1-2 -

D. Worshipping is expressed biblically through LISTENING. (Psalm 5:1-3)

- * Psalm 4:4 -
- * Zechariah 2:13 -
- * Psalm 46:10 -
- * James 1:19 -
- * Ecclesiastes 5:1-3 -
- * 1 Thessalonians 4:11 -
- * Habakkuk 2:20 -
- * Luke 10:38-42 -
- * Zephaniah 1:7 -

E. Worshipping is expressed biblically through BEARING FRUIT. (John 15:5, 8)

- * Psalm 92:13-15 -
- * Psalm 66:1-4 -
- * Psalm 40:1-3 -
- * Psalm 90:17 -
- * Psalm 45:17 -
- * Acts 4:13 -
- * Psalm 46:10 -