



Habit One- Goodness

MAIN THING

When Christians Compromise With The World, They Find Out The World Doesn't Return The Favor

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:31, Genesis 3:6, John 3:16, Romans 12:2, 1 Timothy 1:3, 1 Timothy 6:11-12

ICEBREAKER

My favorite part about Thanksgiving is

OPENING THOUGHT

There is no doubt that our inner faith leads to outward changes. If a person accepts Christ and is filled with the Holy Spirit, yet the people around see no change in behavior, they would be forced to question whether or not the person truly accepted Christ. However, there is a vast difference between what the Bible says is "good" and what the world says is good. The Christian doesn't look to the world, or to news media, or to Hollywood, or to pop culture to determine what is good. The Christian looks only one place- the Word of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The default religion in America is not Christianity- it is Moralistic Therapeutic Deism. MTD says that God created the world, wants you to feel happy, everyone is good, and God exists to help you with your problems. How do you see MTD manifesting itself in the church, and more importantly, in your life? What are the main differences between MTD and Christianity?
3. 1 Timothy 6:11 tells us to pursue six things: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. How does pursuing these things in your life make you in opposition to MTD? What other things does the Bible declare "good" that Christians need to add to their lives?

LIFE APPLICATION

The greatest good we can commit ourselves to is to imitate Jesus. The example Jesus gave us in how to live, how to speak, how to forgive, etc is THE example of goodness. If your life contradicts the life of Jesus- if you have views that are opposite of what Jesus taught, if your definition of "good" is in direct contradiction to Jesus' definition- then it is time to repent. Faith is the foundation of our lives, and on that foundation we add goodness. Goodness cannot be in conflict with your faith- imagine a foundation of a building and it's first floor being out of sync. The building would collapse. Our faith dictates what is good- not anything else. Question- is there anything that you see in your life that you have declared "good" that the Bible opposes?

CHALLENGE

Because MTD is the default religion in America, we have to understand that every person we share our faith with (and even many people in the church who call themselves Christians) is operating from that foundation. When we say, "God" they are thinking about the god of MTD who wants you to be happy and stays out of your life. Understand that if you have children, this is the default belief system of their friends and maybe even them. We need to identify the false beliefs we have inadvertently allowed into our lives and into our homes and move back to a Biblical worldview where Jesus and His word are the absolute.