

Majoring on the Majors!
Part 14: Friends: Adding on the Judgments!
Slide Notations

We're dealing with the last of the five issues that can keep us from Kingdom of God fullness!

5 Keys to Fullness...

Living a life undiluted by vain pursuit... The love of money has caused many to err from the ways of faith and pierce themselves thru w/many sorrows! **1T6.10** You cannot serve God and mammon! **L16.13** Savor the things of God; take up your cross and follow Me; What is the profit to gain the whole world and lose your own soul? **Mk8.3-36** Where your treasure is, that's where your heart will be as well!

L12.34

Far too many of us run harder after money than we do after God... Many of us can tell you it's a fool's pursuit!

Knowing that God yearns to be known by His sons and daughters! "For God so loved the world that He gave us His son..." **J3.16** "He that has seen the Son has seen the Father!" **J14.9** "Because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father... which is why we are no longer merely servants, but sons and daughters and heirs of God!" **Gal4.6,7**

Jesus came in the flesh to show us the lifestyle of God and how to live it in closeness to our Father!

Having marriages that work like God intended! "man and woman, leaving and cleaving to one another... the two becoming one flesh!" **G2.24** "Having dominion over their worlds!" **1.28** "Having homes where husbands and wives love/respect each other; where children honor/obey parents because they rule well!" **1P3.6,7 Col3.18-21 E5.21-33, 6.1, 1Tim3.4, Titus 1.6**

Having children that produce fruit and glory for God! **J15.8** "Believing and faithful children not accused of living like the unsaved or the unsubdued!" **Titus 1.6** "children who obey parents because it is right and are blessed for it!" **E6.1-3** "children who use their talents/gifts for God, bringing Him increase and a rule that He responds to with "more!" **Mt 25.14ff**

Having friends... Godly friends... who know... God has a plan for friendship, modeled in Jesus! **Pr18.24** How significant they are in the issue of our success or failure in the Kingdom! **Pr 15.22, 20.18** How to connect to us, correct us when needed, and keep us honed! **Pr 27.6,17**

With the right set of friends we can survive almost any fall! Someone there to lift us up, encourage us, help us!

Last week... Dealt w/friendship topic: "To judge or not?" World says don't judge me...It's mean, prudish, intolerant! "*Biblical tolerance means accepting that friends have choices, not, accepting their choice!*" (Never means silence!) Word says something different... Who's norm are we going to accept?

Last week... Discovered what kind of judgment we cannot make because we are not God... Krino, never: Not allowed to judge a person: to come to a "final" verdict, to condemn and punish (do harm)! **Mt7.1-5, R14.4, J8.7** Only three "no's": hypocrisy, final standing and falling, bludgeoning & bleeding!

Last week... Found out what kind of judgments we must make as believers... Krino, always: when the issue is sin... **J7.24, 1C5.1-6, 11-13** Anakrino: to judge person's fruit... **1C2.15** Logizomai: to weigh, assay ourselves, others... **1C4.1,2**

The biggest hindrance to our study is people who are just looking for justification to be judgmental! It's why we left off on the topic of Godly character to restore & grow, not tear down!

Judgment add-on #1: Not rightly judging between tastes and truth... (so substitutions... PLEASE!) 87% of young adults OUTSIDE THE CHURCH/52% INSIDE THE CHURCH turn away because they feel she is too judgmental... Much of that "feeling" comes from the failure of the church to discern between changing tastes/values with unchanging truth of God!

If the Church had stayed w/the Word, standing on empowered ground we would now be admired for beauty/purity/power! Instead the Church used its platform to push personal tastes/agenda – now ugly/ corrupted/powerless... and mocked!

Our judgments need to be based on God's Word not our personal tastes/desires! Every generation struggles with the next generations "tastes" because they "like" their own!

Three Public Forum's (involving Christians/image)

Music: The music wars have been raging for countless generations: "turn it off!" No biblical truth regarding "sounds..." Plenty regarding words! Music must be judged (weighed) and judged (krino'd) on "communication" regardless of what genre it comes from... In integrity, we must turn some off just because of what it communicates to us from memories it is tied to!

Modesty: Fashion always been point of contention! In highly sexualized society/ lust brimming over/affecting marriages/relationships... Easy to blame fashion for pain we feel! But skirts/blouses/waistlines/number of buttons... fashion merry-go-round... Issue isn't who's taste of modesty... Biblical principles: What is the state of my heart? Am I causing someone to stumble?

Family Nudity: Began "Naked and not ashamed..." Naked and ashamed... "Handling" someone who is not conscious and naked... Levitical (**18,20**) "uncoverings" are incestuous relationships... Woe for those who get someone drunk to see their nakedness... Naked and ashamed & unwilling to clothe! If we argue for tastes we stand alone and may stand judged with the same judgment! When we stand for truth we stand in Him, and if our heart does not condemn us, we don't fear judgment!

Judgment add-on #2: Not rightly judging (krino) the voice a rightly judged (anakrino) person... "Is truth still truth even if it comes from a broken vessel?" Can a person in sexual sin tell you it's wrong for you to commit sexual sin? This is the proverbial "Hypocrite" cry! Crying "hypocrite" is just an excuse to avoid correction and continue in our sin!

Fullness from our friendships comes when we can hear the voice of God coming thru the "least!"

Friends that bring fullness: Judge our sin with boldness; fueled by love to deliver us! Judge us with the love and character of God; to help perfect us! Judge us with His truth, not their tastes; to keep from confusing or frustrating us! Speak to us about our health from their own death bed!

And if in the end, when all is said and done, it angers you to have a friend in your business...

“I would rather you hate me all the way to Heaven then have you love me all the way to hell.” -Reva Wren

(1) “He that follows empty people is void of understanding!” Pr12.11 (2) *He who only has friends as landscape is ignorant of God’s plan for friendship!* (3) If you have friends without substance, you just don’t get it!