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 - **Asides: young adults need older adult connections! 59% stay in church because they have an adult connection in church, other than the pastor! –Barna (*parents still the most important faith models*)**

Asides...



- Among those between the ages 18 to 38, there is little interest in having children (Family), a waning interest in God/religion (Faith), and an alarming drop in patriotism (Freedom)...
- A day doesn't go by without some Hollywood star or cultural elitist announcing that they won't have children because they just can't bring another person into the world that will consume and pollute...
- And society is all in on destroying babies after they have been conceived. **-WSJ 8/25/19**

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- **And functioning as disciples, holding onto the Living and written words of God; to present the gospel as it was once delivered to the saints! Jude 1.3**

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- And we do it all running on the fuel of love for God, each other, and the people He sent His Son to save!
 - Love goes the distance... almost nothing we won't do for the sake of love!
 - “Love gives us the wings to endure, to be kind, to be selfless, to be humble, to modify our behavior, to serve, to be calm, to spread the truth...” **1Corinthians 13.4ff**



**“And this is the (our) love of
God, that we keep His
commandments and they are
not burdensome!” **1John 5.3****



**“If you love Me (ongoingly) you
will (future active) keep My
commandments!”**

John 14.15, 23



**Of all the approaches:
compulsion, performance,
duty... *devotional discipleship*
perpetuates the love that *keeps*
*us keeping His words!***

Keeping it Right...



- “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”* (he was the one Isaiah foretold, “The one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’”) *And people from the region came and were baptized by him, confessing their sins...”*

Matthew 3.1-6

Keeping it Right...



- “At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” “Let it be so now,” Jesus replied, “it is fitting (right, suitable and proper) for us to fulfill (supply, fill to full, gorge on) all righteousness (*justification*) in this way.”

Matthew 3.13-15

Jesus, our Discipler...



- Had no need to be baptized for His sins...
 - Not a mechanism of His salvation!
- Not part of His “growing understanding to take the next step of obedience...”
 - Not an issue of maturing sanctification!
- No ‘reason’ to submit Himself to baptism...
 - Unless we make it about ‘role playing/ modeling/ illustrating’ for our sakes!

Jesus, our Discipler...



- Did what He did to fill-up to full, to gorge on, “all righteousness...”
 - Dikaioisune: *“justified life!”*
- *He did what He did simply because it was “right with God!”*
 - Not so He could check the box, perform well, dutifully agree to, or grow into an understanding of what was right with God!
 - *“That there remains nothing undone in accord with the will of God!”*

Jesus, our Discipler...



- Was human, as we are, *and capable to choose* a fulfilled; supplied, filled to full rightness with God...
- As Holy as He was at every stage of life there was before Him height upon height of wholeness...
- For which *He hungered, thirsted, and gained by doing what was 'simply right!'*



Are we capable of choosing to reach fulfillment by accounting ourselves “justified” and WHOLLY HIS, therefore, responsive to keeping (all) His commands?



Or are we comfortable choosing more gradual 'maturity' that gives US OPTIONS to grow into loving Him and keeping (some, many of) His commands?

What about us, the disciples?



- Are we willing to “keep” God’s words simply because they are right?
 - Or do we see it as an options?
 - For a time that is, or might, come?
 - Something we need to reason out?
 - If the ‘need’ outweighs the ‘sacrifice?’
 - Or is it just for someone else, but really not for me?”

Because it's right!



- **Straight from the Magna Carta of Faith:**
 - The “Step-ups:” Do not kill v. do not be angry w/o *judgable* cause (and reconcile)...
 - Don't commit adultery, but don't even look with lust (and no 'lusty' divorce to make it right)...
 - Use of words and making promises; speaking articulate truth, doing what we say or dying in the try...

Because it's right!



- **Straight from the Magna Carta of Faith:**
 - What about vengeance and revenge, or, handling offenses like Jesus...
 - Loving the lovely v. loving all...
 - Then comes alms, prayer, fasting...
 - Serving mammon as a fool or serving God and others to be rich for eternity...
 - Being hypo-critical or being helpful...
 - *How about the issue of Baptism?*

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- How about doing what is simply right:
 - With husbands and wives?
 - How about God's way for raising kids?
 - What about sexual purity?
 - How about work?
 - What about what you do for recreation?
 - How about your approach to God's Word?
- ***ENTER IN AT THE STRAIGHT GATE!***



“Enter in at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and many go in there, because narrow is the gate and constricted is the journey which leads to life!” **Matthew 7.13,14**



“Getting it Right!”