

DTS 2022: Session 8

Review!

- **Qualifying Disciples/Leaders!**
 - **L1: Lots of qualifications for leaders...**
 - **To shape their hearts, not satisfy their minds/pride!**
 - **MC: Jacob's ringstraked, speckled and spotted herds!**
 - **"You will reproduce what is set before you!"**

Review!

- **Qualifying Disciples/Leaders!**
 - **L2: Leaders must bear fruit!**
 - **Not forced, nor faked!**
 - **People around us are supposed to be able to “taste and see that the Lord is good!” **Psalm 34.8****
 - **L3: Leaders remain in process! We never ‘arrive!’ –**Paul to the Philippians****

Philippians 3.4-8

- “If anyone thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more ... but whatever was counted as gain to me I count as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things as loss compared to the surpassing excellence of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and

Philippians 3.9-12

- “be found in Him, not having my own righteousness from the law [lists, performance, outward appearance], but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God on the basis of faith ... Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Jesus took hold of me!

Philippians 3.13-15

- “Brothers, I do not consider myself to taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God’s heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should embrace this point of view!

MC Leaders: Forget About It!

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- “Christ is our foundation ... We are God’s temple ... Let no one deceive himself. If any of you thinks he is wise *in this age*, he should become a fool, so that he may become wise ... Men should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. I

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- “care very little if I am judged by you or any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not vindicate [justify or prove] me. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore, judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is

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- hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God!"

1Corinthians 3.11-4.5

- Do as much good as you can... Keep your head down...
- Let the Lord be the judge!



Walking With James!

*A Profile of Discipleship
from the writer of
Practical Christianity!*

James 1:2,3

- Consider [1] it pure joy when you encounter trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith (by the enemy, people, events and circumstances) builds up your endurance – (your ability to withstand and to be standing when the trial is over)!

James 1:4

- Allow [I] perseverance to finish its work [don't strive to cut the process short] so that you may be mature and complete, since the goal is that you will be purified like gold, tempered like steel, and made fit like an athlete, lacking no maturity, strength or ability.

James 1:5

- Now, if any of you lacks wisdom [you don't know what you're going to do or how you're going to make it through], he should ask **[1]** God [for help], who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:6

- But he must ask [I] Him in faith [persuaded that you will find your answer in Him], without doubting, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7,8

- That man should not expect [I] to receive anything from the Lord. He is a two-minded man [like those who put on the mind of Christ and then 'consult another' mind], unstable [almost impossible to stabilize for faith] in all his ways.

James 1:9,10

- The brother in humble circumstances should exult [I] in his high position [access to God's wisdom]. But the one who is rich should exult in his low position [humility and access to God's wisdom], because he will pass away like a flower of the field.

James 1:11

- Don't hold on to this life too tightly because like the desert grass that springs up after a rain and dies under the next days' heat, so the one stuck on this life, lives and passes away!

James 1:12

- **Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.**

James 1:13-15

- When tempted, [let's keep it straight], no one should say [I], "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.

James 1:13-15

- But each one is tempted when by his own evil desires he is lured away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death!”

James 1:16-17

- Do not be deceived [I] [let's keep it straight and not walk in superstitious errors] my beloved brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, with whom there is no change or shifting shadow.

James 1:18

- **He chose to give us birth through the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of His creation.**

James 1:19-20

- My beloved brothers, understand this [I]: everyone should be [I] quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for man's anger does not bring about the righteousness that God desires.

James 1:21,22

- Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and every expression of evil, and humbly receive [I] the word planted in you, which can save your souls. Be [I] doers of the Word, and not hearers only. Otherwise you are deceiving yourselves.

James 1:23-24

- **For anyone who hears the word but does not carry it out is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror, and after observing himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.**

James 1:25

- But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom, and continues to do so – not being a forgetful hearer, but an effective doer – he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:26

- If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not bridle his tongue, he deceives his heart and his religion is worthless.

James 1:27

- Pure and undefiled religion [mature faith], before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James Disciples...

- Are joyful storm sailors!
- Bench-press world-weights!
- Look for more strength, not lighter loads!
- Talk to the Father about everything!
- Believe God is their pure source!
- Settle on God's Way!

James Disciples...

- **Cut off “other” influences!**
- **Delay gratification to Heaven!**
- **Remember how short life is!**
- **Strive for the Crown of Life!**
- **Don’t try to blame God!**
- **Take responsibility for failures!**

James Disciples...

- Know God is always good and never wrong!
- Know they were created to excel!
- Are quick to listen to the Holy Spirit!
- Are separate from the world!
- Are undeceived about themselves and strive to be better!

James Disciples...

- **Are happy because they genuinely prosper!**
- **Are heart conditioned and tongue bridled!**
- **Are proactive operators of Father's love and righteousness!**

