

LESSON EIGHT

The Responsibilities of a Christian

INTRODUCTION: The New Life

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:17 In Christ we are a new Creature
- B. Ephesians 4:17-24 We are to put off the old man and put on the new man

I. Our Moral Responsibility

- A. Ephesians 4:25-5:7, 12 Put away: Lying, prolonged sinful anger, stealing (rather give), corrupt communication, bitterness, wrath, anger, malice (instead be kind), tender hearted, forgiving, and walk in love, fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, coarse jesting – for it is a shame to even speak of those things which are done by them in secret.
- B. Modest apparel and godliness. *See definitions, next page*
- C. Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (Define terms)

II. Our Responsibility To Our Families

- A. Ephesians 5:22-23 Husband - wife responsibilities
- B. Ephesians 6:1-4 Responsibility to children

III. Our Responsibility To Christ And The Church

- A. Colossians 4:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Philippians 4:6-7 - In prayer
- B. 2 Timothy 2:15; 2:2 – In Bible Study
- C. 1 Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7 - The Lord's Supper
- D. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:5-7 - Giving
- E. Hebrews 10:22-26; Ephesians 4:16, 12: Assembling together to provoke one another to love and good Works
- F. 1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:5; Acts 8:3-4; Hebrews 5:11-14 – Teaching unbelievers

IV. Our Responsibility To Put God First

- A. Luke 14:15-24, 33 – God comes first before possessions, job, and social affairs
- B. Matthew 10:37 – God comes before family (there is a proper balance)
- C. Matthew 6:31-34 – Seek Him first and He will provide

For a practice to be right, it cannot fall in the category of these things that are expressly forbidden in the New Testament. Definitions taken from Vine, Thayer, and Webster

LASCIVIOUSNESS or **WANTONNESS** -- Galatians 5:19; Romans 13:13: one can be lured and enticed by wantonness, 2 Peter 2:18: “Denote excess, absence of restraint, indecency, producing lewd emotions.” It is used specifically of gluttony, filthy words, indecent body movement, unchaste handling of males and females.” Excessively gay or merry, unchaste, lewd, unrestrained, undisciplined, or shameless conduct; marked by arrogant recklessness for the feeling of others.

REVELLING or **RIOTING** -- Galatians 5:21; Romans 13:13: To be festive in a riotous or noisy manner merrymaking, a carousal, the state or consequence of drunkenness, of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry.” “To break up, disrupt, especially of the mind and body by indulgence, a carousal as if a letting loose excess”.

BANQUETINGS – 1 Peter 4:3: a drinking party (NASB); “drinking; not simply a banquet but a drinking bout.”

MODEST – 1 Timothy 2:9: “Orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest, not forward or boastful especially in manner of dress, arising from a lack of display or boldness, moderate.”

SHAMEFACEDNESS – 1 Timothy 2:9: “A sense of shame, modesty; has come to describe an awkward diffidence, such as we sometimes call sheepishness; through the idea of downcast eyes; bashfulness i.e. towards men.”

SOBRIETY – 1 Timothy 2:9: “That habitual inner self-government, with its constant rein on all the passions and desires which would hinder temptations from arising to others; self-control.”

CALLOUS or **PAST FEELING** – Ephesians 4:17-19; 1 Timothy 4:2: We should always beware of allowing ourselves to become hardened to sin. There comes a time when things that used to look bad to us no longer do because everyone else is doing it or it is no longer against our conscience.