

Love Robbers

Unit 3 Day 2 of “Experiencing God”

Introduction:

- How many lives do you have to live?
 1. You were created to love _____ God with all your heart, soul, and mind
 2. You don't want to end up living the wrong life!
- Those things that keep us from living the life we were created for are love _____ robbers. Here are common ones

My Money – Allowing my money to consume me (Matt 6:24)

- Money and God are incompatible money _____
 1. You cannot serve _____ them both (Matt 6:24)
 2. Luxuries can consume us to the point that we might forsake _____ the Lord (Deut 6:10-15)
 3. Having little money can cause us to be focused on becoming rich _____ instead of loving God (I Tim 6:8-10)
- The solution of making money and God compatible
 1. Godly service _____ ; how we handle money is a test of how we will handle our spiritual obligations (Luke 16:11)
 2. Money is a terrible master but it can be a godly tool _____

My Activity – Allowing my activity to consume me (Ps 46:10)

- In what activities do you find satisfaction?
 1. Hobby -
 2. Recreation –
 3. Entertainment –
 4. Pursuing a goal –
 5. Church work –
- Is it possible to be satisfied without doing anything?
 1. Ps 46:10 commands: *be still _____ and know that I am God.*
 2. Being still is not the most spiritual thing, nor is doing an activity unspiritual necessarily. The point is that ultimate _____ fulfillment must come in God.
- A question to ponder – is your activity leading you or is Jesus?

My Past – All my past to mold me (Phil 3:1-14)

- The glories of the past
 1. What were the glories of the apostle Paul's past
 - a. His Hebrew heritage _____
 - b. His ability to keep _____ the rules and regulations of the Jewish religion.
 - c. How he was viewed by his people _____
 2. It is okay to remember the “good old days” but do not let _____ there.
- The failures of the past
 - c. _____ (Jn 3:16)
 1. What were the failures in the apostle Paul's past?
 - a. He persecuted the church _____
 - b. He consented to the stoning _____ of Stephen and even the death of other Christians.
 2. What are some failures of your past that you find yourself dwelling on? List them.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

●What does God's word say about the past of Christians?

1. **Phil 3:7-10** – Paul considered his past glories as I _____ and his past failures as g_____
2. **2 Cor 5:17** – the old is g_____

●What does God want us to focus on?

1. The c_____ of God (**Phil 3:14**) – to love Him and serve Him in obedience
2. The p_____ that awaits us (**Phil 3:14**)
3. The certainties of the f_____ that spur us on to live rightly today (**1 Pet 1:3-9**).

Conclusion:

Beware of the love robbers. Don't apply this message to others, apply it to your own self.
Start here!