

I die daily

Todays compilation of scriptures are some of my favorites. I can't pinpoint when in my walk as a Christian when I woke up to some of the things God was saying. Even early in my Christian walk, I maintained an old way of thinking when it came to God. I didn't know Him well. I was so immature spiritually. My view of "His ways" were a very legalistic one. It was all about "do this" or "don't do that", and I entered my relationship with the Lord with that in my mind.

God introduced me to the "WHY". What a great title for God"Father" – because that is exactly how He brought me along. He has been a loving Father. He has been guiding and teaching all along the path. I didn't see Him that way in the beginning, but through His patience with me, and certainly His faithfulness I began to realize more and more, who He was. When I began to see why He said "don't do" this or that, it became very clear that it was about His love for not only me, but those around me. A lie hurts, stealing something hurts someone,

adultery hurts...all of these things that God directed us away from, are all to be abstained from for a purpose.

When God says walk in this"do this", it's His love for us. It's like a mother telling her child to take an umbrella in the rain, or to look both ways before they cross the street, or don't talk to strangers. The implications of all of those things are obvious. Without an umbrella you get wet, if you don't look as you cross the street, you could get hit, and the obvious dangers of a child and a stranger.

"The Truth of God is withheld in unrighteousness", there is the biggest Why. When He says "See that ye walk circumspectly", it's about revealing Himself to the world, it's about that Spirit within you bearing witness to the world around you. "Redeeming the times, because the days are evil" again it's a Loving Father, telling us Why – He is setting out to protect us. We don't always see the underlying harm, but He does. He Love you and I, and every person we come in contact with. When we walk "Holy", we reveal Him. When we walk in righteousness, when we walk in "His ways", when we choose to devote ourselves to Him, we are opening the door for more impactful encounters. The "do's and don'ts" are more about His love for humanity, and the desire that no one die lost and all be saved. The choice to yield to His ways, will make the difference when you council a friend, when you speak to the lost, and how you reveal God to those around you generally. Walking above reproach has a deeper purpose than you and I just making heaven our home. Discover the "WHY", and become passionate about it.

God bless – Pastor Paul

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See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the times because the days are evil. Eph. 5:15, 16

Take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law.... to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. <u>Josh. 22:5</u>

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Col. 4:5, 6

Abstain from all appearance of evil. <u>I Thess. 5:22</u>

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. Matt. 25:5, 6, 13

Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. II Pet. 1:10

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching. <u>Luke 12:37</u>