



TWCC Sermon Connection Handout

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Sermon Series: Reset 2020 (Reestablishing Keys to Starting this New Year and New Decade Strong)

Sermon Title: Reset Keys – Fear and Forgiveness

Opening Scripture Text: Read Colossians 3:1 – 2 (AMPC)

- The Eight Keys are: (1) **FAITH** (2) **FASTING** (3) _____ (Godly, Holy Fear) (4) _____ (5) **FAMILY** (6) **FOOD + FITNESS** (7) **FINANCES** and (8) **FOCUS**. Think of these as 8 **CHANGES** to a fresh start to a New Year and Decade of your life!

KEY #3: FEAR

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV) – “*By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with **godly fear**, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*”

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV) – “*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with **reverence and godly fear**.*”

Ecclesiastes 5:7 (NKJV) and **Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NKJV)** and **1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV)** and **Ephesians 5:21 (NKJV)**
Acts 9:31 (NKJV) – “*Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria and had peace and were edified. And walking in **the fear of the Lord** and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*”

- The _____ of the Lord: (1) positions your _____ to receive answers; (2) promises Divine Protection; (3) provide clarity and direction and (4) produces riches, honor and life!
- What is the fear of God? It is simply defined as the reverential respect, honor, esteem and awe of God. ***In other words, your highly regard, value, esteem and honor God more than anyone and anything else.***
 - You choose not to lie, cheat, steal, live in sin because you fear and honor God!
 - The fear of God governs and guards your decisions, your thoughts and actions.
- Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)** – “*The **fear of man** brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.*”
 - Snare** = trap; noose; by implication a hook (for the nose).
 - If we fear man more than the Lord, it will _____ us and TRAP us in troubles.
- Psalms 34:11 (NKJV)** – “*Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you **the fear of the Lord**.*”
 - The fear of the Lord is something that is _____ and learned.
- Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)** – “*The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*” **Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)** – “*The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*” **Proverbs 15:33 (NKJV)** – “*The **fear of the Lord** is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.*”

- The fear of the Lord is the starting point and finishing point of true _____, WISDOM and INSTRUCTION.
- By and through the fear of the Lord we learn _____ God loves and WHAT God hates.
- **Read Proverbs 8:13 (NKJV)**
- **Proverbs 22:4 (NKJV)** – “By humility and **the fear of the Lord** are riches and honor and life.”
 - _____, honor and life come by humility and the fear of the Lord.
- Friends, our Father God desires to be known, but an intimate relationship with Him is only available to those who _____ Him. That’s because holy FEAR gives God the place of _____ and preeminence He deserves.
- So, what do we do to _____ this big change and key of the fear of the Lord in our life?
- **Proverbs 23:17 (NKJV)** – “Do not let your heart envy sinners but be zealous for **the fear of the Lord** all the day.”

KEY #4: FORGIVENESS

Read Mark 11:22 – 26 (NKJV) The next key (Key #4) is _____. We as Born-Again Believer and followers of Christ have to Walk in _____ which means we have to Walk in _____. Forgiveness is an integral, important and intentional part of our LOVE WALK.

- If we only like and love people who get along and go along with us that is not the love of God in operation.
- Our LOVE and FORGIVENESS walk greatly effect and negatively impact our life of _____.
- _____ is the number one thing that hinders God’s children from receiving from Him. Our FAITH won’t work if we don’t _____! That’s because an offended heart stifles _____ and blocks answers to _____ as we see clearly explained by the Lord Jesus in these verses we just read.
- What are we supposed to do with our Love Walk and the Love of God inside our hearts in 2020? GROW in LOVE and GROW in giving FORGIVENESS before, during and after. Get really good at quickly and readily FORGIVING people who have hurt you, who are harassing and hindering you. HOW?
- **Read Ephesians 4:15 – 16 (NLT); Philippians 1:9 – 11 (NLT) and Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13 (NKJV)**
- The “more excellent way” of **1 Corinthians 12:31** that surpasses all other ways is now seen in detail – God’s Love. Natural Human love is but a shadow, tainted by _____. At the heart of this highest kind of love is the concept of _____.
- **1st** - In verses one through three, Paul described the _____ of LOVE.
- **2nd** - Beginning in verse four, Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, described the _____ of LOVE.
- **3rd** - Starting in verse five, Paul, talks about the _____ of LOVE.
- **4th** - Then, beginning in verse six, Paul, by the Holy Spirit, talks about the _____ of LOVE, which is where he says love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endure all things.
- **When people HURT you two things occur:**
 - (1) The _____ (**ACT**) – Forgiveness deals with the _____. **Matthew 5:44 (NKJV)** and **Mark 11:25 (NKJV)**
- **Forgiveness Process in Dealing the Trespass of Others:** (1) Let it drop (2) Leave it (3) Let it go (4) Give up the resentment.
 - (2) The _____ – We have to do something to deal with _____.
 - The Bible says whatever we _____ we take away the ability for it to **HURT** you. **1 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** – “Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.”