

Right Being, Right Doing

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

You Are Already Made Right

KEY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 5:21 -- "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

REFLECTION:

I want you to sit with this truth for a moment. Before you did anything right today, before you prayed, before you read a single verse, you were already made righteous. Not because you earned it. Not because you have been perfectly behaving yourself. But because Jesus, who never sinned once, took every bit of your sin upon himself so that you could wear his righteousness like a garment. I call this right being. It is who you are before you do a single thing. So many of us wake up feeling disqualified, like we have to earn our way back into God's good graces. But that is not the gospel. The gospel says you are already his. You already have right standing. Now let that sink into your bones today, because everything else we do this week flows from that one magnificent truth.

PRAYER:

Father, thank you that my standing with you is not based on my performance but on what Jesus did for me. Help me to receive that today without argument or guilt. Let it settle deep inside me and change the way I see myself.

DAILY ACTION:

Write the words "I am the righteousness of God in Christ" on a sticky note and place it somewhere you will see it at least three times today.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Love Is What Drives You

KEY VERSE:

John 14:15 -- "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

REFLECTION:

Here is something I have learned over the years of walking with God. You will never sustain holy living through willpower alone. Rules without relationship will eventually crack under pressure. But love, genuine love for Jesus, that is a different engine entirely. When you truly love someone, you do not want to hurt them. You do not want to grieve them. That is exactly what Jesus is saying here. He is not barking commands at you like a drill sergeant. He is saying, if you love me, your love will naturally show up in how you live. I think about how sweet his presence is in my life. I do not want to pollute that. I do not want to walk into that

closeness with him carrying something filthy. Love becomes the motivation that legalism could never be. So today, do not ask yourself what the rules require. Ask yourself, do I love him enough to let that love change my choices?

PRAYER:

Jesus, I want to love you more than I love my comfort or my habits. Let that love become the reason I say no to what grieves you and yes to what pleases you. Grow that love in me today.

DAILY ACTION:

Before making one significant decision today, pause and ask yourself honestly, "Does this choice reflect love for Jesus?" Then act on what you hear.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Reckon It True

KEY VERSE:

Romans 6:11 -- "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

REFLECTION:

That word reckon simply means to count something as true. To call it so, whether you feel it or not. And I want to be honest with you, most mornings you will not feel like an overcomer. You will feel tired, tempted, and very human. But feelings are not the final authority in your life. The word of God is. When I stand in front of a temptation, I am learning to open my mouth and say out loud, I have dominion over this through the power of Jesus Christ who lives in me. Not because I feel strong. Not because I have never failed in this area before. But because God said it, and I am choosing to count it as true. That is faith working in the practical, everyday, Monday-through-Friday moments of your life. Sin does not get to be your master. You have already been set free. Count it true today.

PRAYER:

Lord, I choose to count your word as more real than what I feel right now. I declare that sin does not have dominion over me because you said so. Help me stand on that truth even when my feelings argue otherwise.

DAILY ACTION:

Find one area where you have been feeling defeated and speak Romans 6:11 over it out loud, either in your car, your room, or wherever you have privacy.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

The Sin You Are Not Talking About

KEY VERSE:

James 4:17 -- "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."

REFLECTION:

We spend a lot of time in church talking about the sins people commit. And yes, those matter. But I want to gently turn your attention to a sin that gets far less attention, the sin of omission. The good you knew to do but did not do. The person you felt nudged to encourage but stayed quiet. The mission trip you kept putting off. The neighbor you have been meaning to pray with for two years. The gift inside you that is sitting on a shelf collecting dust while people around you are hurting. I am not here to pile condemnation on you. I love you too much for that. But I do want to make you a little uncomfortable today, because that discomfort might be the Holy Spirit waking something up inside you. Right doing flows out of right being. You are righteous. Now go live like it. Go do something with what God has placed in you.

PRAYER:

Father, forgive me for the good I knew to do and simply did not do. Open my eyes today to the opportunities you have already placed in front of me. Give me the courage to act on them without delay.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one specific good thing you have been putting off, whether reaching out to someone, serving somewhere, or giving something, and take one concrete step toward it today.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

When We See Him, We Will Be Like Him

KEY VERSE:

1 John 3:2 -- "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

REFLECTION:

I want to close this week by reminding you where all of this is heading. Every day we have spent this week talking about right being and right doing, every moment you chose love over selfishness, every time you counted God's word as true when your feelings said otherwise, every act of obedience born out of genuine love for Jesus, it is all moving toward something glorious. One day you will see him face to face. And when you do, you will be like him. That is your destiny. That is where this whole journey ends. So do not be discouraged by how far you still have to go. I certainly am not finished yet either. Just keep your eyes on him. Keep saying yes to the process. Keep choosing right being and right doing, one ordinary day at a time. He is faithful to complete what he started in you, and what he started in you is nothing less than his own image.

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank you for not giving up on me this week or any week. I fix my eyes on you and on the day I will finally see you as you are. Until then, keep making me more like you, one day at a time.

DAILY ACTION:

Take five quiet minutes at the end of today to reflect on one way you grew this week, however small, and thank God specifically for that growth.