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**On the Move – Commit to Following**

*-What God Asks of You-*

Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1

After taking the Israelites on a ‘spiritual memory safari’ (reminding them of God’s grace, His mercy and His faithful love), Moses moves the people’s focus onto what is *now* their personal responsibility to the LORD their God. “Looking back is good but moving forward is essential.” (cf. Php. 3:13-14). The question to be answered by that generation is the same question each of us, who claim to be a child of God, must answer today: *‘Will I commit to following what God asks of me?’*

God’s people must commit to **FOLLOWING** nine directives on the journey:

2.  **F** – *“****Fear*** *the LORD your God”* (vs. 12)

- Live with reverence and awe of God in every aspect of our lives (cf. Prov. 14:27; Ps. 111:10)

- It is a state of mind where one’s attitudes, will, feelings, actions and goals are exchanged for God’s
(cf. Rom. 12:2)

*Does this describe how you are following?*

2. **O** – *“Walk in* **obedience** *to Him”* (vs. 120

- Daily live in agreement and in accordance with the will of God as revealed through His word

- “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (James 1:22)

*Are you living wisely or foolishly? (cf. Mt. 7:24)*

3. **L** – *“***Love***Him”* (vs. 12)

- Choose to make one’s primary devotion to the LORD and to Him alone.

- Obedience from the heart is how we demonstrate our love for the Lord (Jn. 14:21)

*How evident is your love for the Lord?*

4. **L** – Live a **lifestyle** of worship; *“serve the LORD your God”* (vs. 120)

- To serve means to worship the Lord as the central focus of your life (1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 12:1)

- Half-hearted serving will not cut it with the Lord

*Are you living a lifestyle of worship, serving the Lord with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul?*

5. **O** – *“***Observe** *the LORD’s commands and decrees”* (vs. 13)

- Obediently follow the commands and decrees the LORD has graciously given

- Deep-seated joy and contentment (blessed) in God is found in observing the LORD’s commands and decrees (cf. Ps. 1:1-3; Ps. 19:7-11; Ps. 119:1-5)

*Are you experiencing deep-seated joy and contentment in God?*

6. **W** – **Willingly** cut sin out of your life – *“circumcise your hearts, stop being stiff necked”* (vs. 16)

- Spiritual ‘heart surgery’ reflects an internal commitment to belong to and serve the Lord unreservedly (cf. Ps. 139:23-24)

- Cooperating with God in the process is essential to being able to fulfill the greatest commandment
(Mt. 22:36; Dt. 30:6)

*Are you willingly working with God to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles? (cf. Heb. 12:1)*

7. **I** – **Intentionally** *“love those who are foreigners residing among you”* (vs. 18)

- Never forget that God reached out and cared for us, therefore we must do likewise (cf. Mt. 22:39)

- Covenant responsibility requires care for all, especially to those that might be easily neglected
(cf. James 1:27)

*Are you looking for ways to demonstrate the love of God with the thousands of ‘new to Canada’ residents in our city?*

8. **N** – **Never** drift from the Lord – *“hold fast to Him”* (vs. 20)

- ‘Cling to Him’, ‘hold onto Him’ (Gen. 2:24; 1 Chron. 16:11; cf. James 4:8)

*­*- Dwell in the shelter of the Most High (cf. Ps. 91:1-2)

*On the journey, are you clinging intimately to the Lord your God, or do you feel distant from Him?*

9. **G** – **Give** God the praise, He deserves it all - *“He is the one you praise”* (vs. 21)

- He is always to be the recipient of our praise (cf. Heb. 13:15; Rev. 19:5)

*­*- Committing to following what God asks of us, results in others praising God (cf. Mt. 5:16)

*How are you doing in giving God your praise outside of Sunday?*

Why should we commit to following what God asks of us on the journey?

He commands it (vs. 12-13)

His character deserves it (vs. 14-22)

His care for us demands it (vs. 21-22)

The question that remains:

*“Will I commit to following what God asks of me on the journey?*