

3 Living Blame-Less Series: Living with Less

Psalm 15:1-2

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Psalm 15:1-2 *A Psalm of David.* O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
² He who **walks blamelessly** and does what is right and **speaks truth in his heart**;

Blameless = Complete, Whole, Sound, Without Blemish, Having Integrity.

Integrity = adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.

2. The state of being **whole**, entire, or undiminished:

3. A sound, unimpaired, or **perfect** condition:

I. **Before you can ever even think about Living Blameless you first have to be Living Connected with The One Who is Blameless (1)**
O LORD, who shall sojourn in **your tent**? Who shall dwell on **your holy hill**?

God's **Tent** was the **Tabernacle**. A large Tent structure that is described in **Exodus 26**. It included the **Ark of the Covenant** and all the **utensils** for worshipping God through **Ritual Sacrifice**.

God's **Holy Hill** is The **Temple Mount** in Jerusalem. That Temple itself was **destroyed** in 70 ad by the Romans and will be rebuilt!

Both the Tent and the Temple were physical places where God took up residence.

What about today? Where does God take up Residence with mankind today?

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that **you are God's temple** and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

How do You Know that God Resides In You?

A. The Objective Test: Ask yourself Do I Believe?

- 1. Affirm The Scriptures**
- 2. Believe Jesus is God**
- 3. Only Jesus can Save you**

B. The Subjective Test: True Believers:

- 1. Walk in the light (1 John 1:6-7)**
- 2. Confess their sin (1:8-2:1)**
- 3. Keep His commandments (2:3-4; 5:2-3)**
- 4. Love the brethren (2:9-11; 3:10, 14-15; 5:2)**
- 5. Affirm sound doctrine (2:20-23; 4:2,6)**
- 6. Follow after holiness (2:29; 3:3-4, 6-9)**
- 7. Have the Holy Spirit (4:13; 5:10-11)**

II. Living with The Right Characteristics that Lead you to Living Blame-Less (2) He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

Remember the word translated **Blamelessly** also means **Living with Integrity!**

Integrity means having the quality of being **honest** and having **strong moral principles; moral uprightness**. Being Honorable. The state of being **whole and undivided**. Being **Unified**

A. **Living Externally** Blame-Less (2a) He who **walks blamelessly**

Honorable Actions. **Colossians 3:17** And whatever you do, in **word** or **deed**, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.

1. Whatever you say or do **Reflects** on the name of Jesus! (17b) do everything **in the name** of the Lord Jesus
2. Whatever you say or do **Renders Praise** to God the Father. (17c) **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.

Bottom Line: **Matthew 5:16** "Let **your light** so shine before men, that they may see **your good works** and **glorify your Father** in heaven. Your in there Three Times!

B. **Living Internally** Blame-Less (2b) and does what is right and **speaks truth in his heart;**

There is within everyone an **Internal War** taking place. The Believer however has the power to control his own thoughts! **2 Corinthians 10:4** For the weapons of **our warfare are not carnal** but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing **every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ,

Our own thoughts can **Betray** us.

Our Thoughts can Betray us when we Give.

Proverbs 23:7 For **as he thinks** in his heart, **so is he**. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

You may Give to those in need, but if you do so begrudgingly you are a **Hypocrite!**

You may give to The Church, but if you do so begrudgingly you are a **Hypocrite!**

The Bible tells us to be a **Generous and Cheerful Giver**. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever **sows generously** will also **reap generously**.⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver**.

This is why **Guilt Giving** is counterproductive.

This is why I don't care for **Giving Testimonies**.

I want you to give because you **Trust God** and you **Love Jesus**.

As a Church we are not to just get by! We are to Thrive!

There are **Three** areas of Giving!

1. **Time**
2. **Talent**
3. **Treasure**

Before you can **give effectively** you must be a **Believer**. Become **Blame-Less!**

Our thoughts can betray us when we make a **Promise and don't keep it!**

Your words must be Truthful!

James 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "**Yes,**" be "**Yes,**" and your "**No,**" "**No,**" lest you fall into judgment.

Parable of The Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-31 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' ²⁹ "I will not,' he answered, but later he **changed his mind** and went. ³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

Changed his mind = **Repent!** (1 Lied 1 Repented)

To be Blame-Less you must walk with **Integrity!**

To be Blame-Less you must Think **Honorably!**

You can only do this through the Power of The **Holy Spirit**. That can only occur if you have been Born Again through the Spirit of God by Believing in Jesus who is Christ. Do You Know Jesus? Have you **Trusted Him** as your Lord and Savior?

Won't you come today!

Praise Team Takes The Platform.