

The Christian Way and the Two Kingdoms (Part 2)

Yet as we live on this side of heaven, we _____ with things both in us and around us.

We are living in the common kingdom but through the work of God, we have been _____ out of this kingdom and unto an eternal kingdom that one day we will realize.

As we live day to day, the world, the _____ and the devil work against us and the Spirit within us to bring us to despair, frustration and even apathy. This is very normal for the Christian way or the Christian's walk.

Living under Authorities 1 Timothy 2:1-2a

1. We are called to pray for those in authority over us. But what is some of the _____ of that prayer?
Do we pray for the authorities or _____ them?
2. The Psalms are filled with so many beneficial prayers. Some of them are praying against our enemies. These are called _____ prayers. Some of these prayers are found in Psalm 5,35 and 69.
3. Imprecatory psalms are psalms of _____ from God's people and a call of God's cursing on injustice and suffering.
4. John Tweedale commented "The imprecatory psalms in particular vocalize Israel's tears in the face of injustice and suffering. By praying down the curse of God on His enemies, Israel sought to hold up the _____ of God's law for His people."
5. When we pray let us use the four types of prayers found in 1 Timothy 2:1-2:
 - a. _____ - a humble pleading for something personally
 - b. Prayers- this is when prayer is part of a context of worship, namely _____ prayer.
 - c. _____ - the asking of help for someone else in need
 - d. Thanksgiving- the _____ of gratitude for God's work in your heart/life.
6. For church leaders to be given freedom to preach the gospel and for laypeople to live at _____ in our homes and churches, as we practice trusting and obeying Christ!

How ought we to live? 1 Timothy 2:2b-4

1. These verses lay out the way we ought to live: a _____ and quiet life
2. But Paul goes on to say "...Godly and dignified in every way". We have been given _____ life, but sin remains and is always at odds with our new nature (Romans 7)
3. In **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**, Paul calls us to aspire to live in this way. Meaning- desire very strongly and _____ eagerly.
4. To say it another way, we ought to make it our _____ to live this way.

5. We can do this in His Spirit as he has called us to peace and _____ a spirit of trust in God's work and His way.
6. How about the peaceful life? Keep your _____ on your own affairs and what God has called you to.
7. God has called you to a spouse, a family, a church, a job and a _____. Focus on those roles each day.
8. As we live this way, we will bear the _____ of God's transforming grace and be less of a _____ to society and a greater help to our neighbors.

Living Audibly Philippians 2:14-18

1. Remember we are _____ living in this world.
2. In His high priestly prayer (John 17:6, 9-10, 15) Jesus asks that we not be _____ out of the world.
3. We ought to be _____ in a dark world for Christ!
4. But those _____ come from sinful thoughts and desires in us first, before they come out of us.
5. The attitude of our heart of _____ comes out in murmuring.
6. This looks like a way of grumbling against others when it really could be a _____ way of grumbling against God.
7. Discontentment comes out of a heart that is oriented towards pleasing _____, not pleasing God.
8. MLJ described Christians as "living epistles for the Lord Jesus Christ known and _____ of all men."
9. Consider your _____ and what it is producing in your actions AND your speech.

Motivation for Living Romans 8:18-25

1. Motivation can bring about a good product but not all _____ is honoring of Christ.
2. But what comes before motivation? It is _____ or hope. Hope is connected with an end product. Motivation is what moves you towards that end product.
3. Hope in heaven is not just a possibility but a _____!
4. Heaven is not something that might happen but something we _____ await and press toward with perseverance. This is an _____ waiting, not a passive waiting.
5. Our motivation is an odd one for the unbelieving world...the _____ and risen Christ.
6. He suffered, was buried and risen and even today is exalted! He is the first fruits. We _____ Him.
7. This is the Christian hope: Jeremy Walker, pastor in the UK commented - "training the _____ of truth for the eye of faith to fix upon the glory to come and so _____ a heart of love".
8. So let us labor through _____, as pilgrims and exiles, in this common kingdom with hope and in _____ as we wait for hope... to be sight.

Read Psalm 69:34-36