

I. INTRODUCTION.

-  A. Scripture text: **Mark 10:29-31.**
Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, [30] but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. [31] "But many *who are* first, will be last; and the last, first."
- B. We continue to borrow from the 10 suggestions from Og Mandino in *The Greatest Salesman in the World*.
-  C. This morning we looked at the first five. They are:
1. Today, I begin a new life.
 2. I will greet this day with love in my heart.
 3. I will persist until I succeed.
 4. I am God's greatest miracle.
 5. I will live this day as if it is my last.
- D. Tonight, the last five.

II. SIXTH: TODAY, I WILL MASTER MY EMOTIONS.

-  A. Paul's instructions to the Galatians tells us what to crucify in our lives, and what to grow. It is as simple as the difference between the flesh and the spirit (Gal. 5:16-26).
1. In 5:16-21 is a list of those things that do not work!
But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. [17] For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. [19] Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, [21] envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
 2. In 5:22-25 shows those things that do work.
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24] Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
- C. Mandino says the following:
1. If I feel depressed I will sing, if sad I will laugh.
If I feel proud, I will remember a moment of weakness.
If I feel wealthy, I will remember one unfed mouth.
If I feel my skill is unmatched I will look at the stars.
If I feel all-powerful, I will try to stop the wind.
If I feel insignificant, I will remember my goals.
 2. Before sadness, self-pity and failure set-in realize that weak is he who permits his thoughts to control his actions; strong is he who forces his actions to control his thoughts (Phil. 4:9).

III. SEVEN: I WILL LAUGH AT THE WORLD.

-  A. Think about it, no other living creature can laugh except man! It is a gift to use whenever I choose (Eccl. 3:4).
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance.
- B. Learn to laugh at the world. Paul wrote the entire book of Philippians to tell us it's alright to laugh.
1. Laugh at home, at work, and at church.
 2. Laugh and you will digest your food easier.
 3. Laugh and your burdens will be lighter.
 4. Laugh and your life will be longer.
 5. Laugh and your health will be better.
 6. Laugh and live above your problems.

- C. Paul said in Philippians:
1. Rejoice in the work of the church (1:18).
What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.
 2. Rejoice with others (2:17,18).
But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. [18] And you too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.
 3. Rejoice in the Lord's blessings (3:1).
Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.
 4. Rejoice always (4:4).
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
- D. One of the reasons Paul found the secret of being content no matter his circumstances is because he knew how and when to laugh.

IV. **EIGHTH: TODAY, WILL MULTIPLY MY VALUE 100-FOLD.**

-  A. On the surface this particular habit may seem impossible, not at all attainable. But it is!
- B. Jesus tells us how we can multiply our value 100-fold every day (see Mk. 10:29-31).
- C. To have it all, you have to give it all up. The material and temporal benefits of following X are universally stated. They are guaranteed by X Himself.
- D. Multiply your value 100-fold by living a life of truth, integrity, honesty, dependability, diligence, thrift, humility, self-denial, goodness, faithfulness, and virtue and the world will beat a path to your door.

V. **NINTH: I WILL ACT NOW.**

-  A. Action is the food and drink that will nourish your success.
- B. I will pray now. I will read my Bible now. I will visit someone in the name of X now. I will say no to temptation now. I will begin new habits now. My procrastination of good things will cease now. I will do what Jesus says now. I will act now.
- C. Hesitation, procrastination, sleep, the immediate, the superfluous, the big, the small, the loud, the quiet--nothing will stop me from doing what is right, and doing it now. I will act now.
- D. For now is all I have (2Cor. 6:2).
for He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU"; behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"--

VI. **TENTH: I WILL PRAY.**

-  A. Prayer is the power source of the successful. To those who pray see the blessings of God. Keep a record of what you pray for and see how many requests come true!
- B. Pray at home. Pray at work. Pray in the car. Pray in your closet. Pray often. Pray at night. Pray in the morning. Pray when you don't feel like praying. Pray (1Th. 5:17).
pray without ceasing;
- C. Every successful Bible person I know was a person of prayer. Noah, Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Paul, Peter, and John were all men of prayer. Jesus prayed, taught us to pray, and mediates our prayers.

VII. **CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

-  A. Ten new habits. Are you doing any of them? How many of the others will you begin to do today?
- B. Bad habits are hard to break; good habits are hard to keep. May you say with me, "I will form good habits and become their slave."
- C. The best habit of all is following JC. Obey Him for salvation.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.