

I. PRAISE YOURSELF II Corinthians 10:12-13 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

A. Praise for what you are supposed to do? Luke 17:7-10 Does your bank praise you for writing your checks right or keeping your account balanced? “This notice is to inform you that your check has cleared because you had sufficient funds in your account. We are crediting you \$15.00.”

1. Praise for going to church Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. That’s good - want praise? Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

2. Read my Bible I Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. That’s Good - want praise I Timothy 4:15-16 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take

heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. II Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

3. Pray Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. **That's Good - want praise** Philippians 4:6-7
4. Witness Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **That's Good - want praise I** Corinthians 9:16-19
5. Giving I Corinthians 16:1-2 **That's Good - want praise** Philippians 4:15-17,19
6. Don't smoke, drink or chew or go with girls who do **That's Good - want praise** Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
 - Reasonable service **Romans 12:1-2**

- B. Not just the do's & the don'ts Matthew 6:1-4 **They had people blowing horns when they gave - they expected praise. God praises us for doing more than expected!** II Corinthians 8:1-5
1. Prove yourself Galatians 6:3-4 **For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.**
 2. Live your life so others will praise you Proverbs 27:2 **Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.**
- II. PRAISE OTHERS Proverbs 25:11 **A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.**
- A. Three principles of praise Proverbs 31:30-31
1. Praise godly character I Peter 3:2-4 **While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.**
 2. Praise is earned Proverbs 31:31 **Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.,**

3. Praise is to be public Proverbs 31:31, Matthew 26:13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

B. Praise as a ministry Isaiah 50:4 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

1. To be a blessing Proverbs 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

2. Seek to do & to say good **Psalm 122:1,9**

C. Don't stop with words I John 3:17-18 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **Someone deposited money to my account at college - made a difference. Deposit praise to someone's account and make a difference.**

III. PRAISE GOD Ephesians 1:6, 12- 14 vs. 12 “be to the praise of His glory” Philippians 4:8 “if there be any praise”

A. Be saved Ephesians 1:12-13

1. The grace of God Ephesians 2:8-9

2. How much do you owe? Luke 7:41-43, 47-48

a) My debt is huge **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

b) God's grace is greater Ephesians 1:6-7

3. Must believe to be saved Romans 10:9-10,13

B. Be to His glory I Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen. You can do all of the right things and not be the right person, but you cannot be the right person and not do the right things.

I Peter 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1. Give praise for everything Hebrews 13:15-16

2. Give praise in everything Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.