

Youth Bible Study Lesson 29

Memory vs. Rom. 12:9

Before we leave the instruction about doing good I want to take a look at a few more verses on this subject. In Rom. 12:9, good is contrasted with _____. Also the word abhor is contrasted to _____. God wants those that are His to abhor (hate, detest, have disgust for) that which is evil. How often do we try to keep one foot in the world, conforming to things that dishonor the Lord? Anything that displeases the Lord should displease us. We, as believers, should view sin as God does. Sin is not a little bit funny, a little bit harmless, a little bit okay!

As much as God wants us to abhor that which is evil, He wants us to _____ to that which is _____. The word cleave is used when speaking of the relationship between a husband and wife. Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:5, Mark 10:7 "For this cause shall a man _____ his _____ and _____, and _____ to his _____."

Mark 10:9 "What therefore God hath _____, let no man put asunder."

Cleaving has to do with joining, holding and clinging to.

God wants us to cleave to that which is good. Don't let go of that which pleases the Lord. When peer pressure comes, hang on to that which is good. When your flesh rears its ugly head, hang on to that which is good. When sin beckons, hold on to that which is good. Are your fingers easily pried off the things that please the Lord???

I Thes. 5:15 "See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever _____ that which is _____, both among yourselves, and to _____ men."

Ever follow, always pursue, that which is good. No excuses, no time off, no temporary forays into sin.

There might be some that would think that this is a sentence to a life of dullsville. That can only be your "old man" trying to bring you under the dominion of sin. Take care of that with Rom. 6:11 "Likewise _____ ye also yourselves to be _____ indeed unto _____, but _____ unto _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Our inner man, the new creature created in us, will according to Rom. 7:22 _____ in the law of God.

Doing that which pleases the Lord should be the believer's delight.

Read these verses and see if they describe your heart.

Ps. 40:8 "I _____ to _____ thy _____, O my God..."

Ps. 119:16 "I will _____ myself in thy statutes..."

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Ps. 119:24 "Thy _____ also are my _____..."

Ps. 119:47 "And I will _____ myself in thy commandments, which I

have _____."

Ps. 119:97 "O how _____ I thy law..."

Ps. 119:111 "Thy testimonies ... for they are the _____ of my _____."

Ps. 119:127 "Therefore I _____ thy commandments above _____; yea above fine _____."

Ps. 119:167 "My soul hath kept they testimonies; and I _____ them _____."

If David found the law of God to be the heartbeat of his life, how much more we, who have been partakers of the grace of God, delight in doing those things that please the one who loved us and gave His life for us and has forever sealed us in Himself.

I Thes. 5:21 "Prove all things, _____ fast that which is _____."

I love this verse. Do you see the connection between proving things and holding fast that which is good? All the things we hear from preachers, seminaries, Bible teachers, aren't always right. Prove them out!!

Do what the Bereans did. Acts 17:11 "...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and _____ the _____ daily, whether those things were _____." It is of paramount importance to first prove the thing which is good. Then hold fast to it.

It is sad to see young people start out with a fervor for the Lord and end up a dying ember. Paul saw it happen on countless occasions. One example is Demas. In Col. 4:14 we see a fond mention of Demas. "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you." And in Philemon 24 "Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my _____." Now look at II Tim. 4:10 "For _____ hath _____ me, having _____ this present _____..."

Demas did not cease, hold fast, ever follow and delight in that which is good. Oh, for awhile he was there, but then the love of the world loosened his grip and he ended up useless to the cause of Christ. Young and old people alike, keep your eyes on Christ, keep His love for you ever before you and cleave to that which is good.

Answers and Comments lesson 29

Evil	testimonies
Cleave	delight
Cleave	delight
Good	loved
Leave	love
Father	rejoicing
Mother	heart
Cleave	love
Wife	gold
Follow	gold

Good love
Reckon exceedingly
Dead hold
Sin good
Alive searched
God scriptures
Delight so
Delight fellowlaborers
Do Demas
Will forsaken
Delight loved
World

I think of Solomon with all his glory and wisdom and wealth ending up in idolatry and in rebellion to God. Not holding fast to that which was good. What a shame! We have but one opportunity to willingly choose to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord. Let's not miss a minute of it! Ever follow and hold fast that which is good.