

HABITS OF THE HEART DEUT. 6:4-9, MARK 12:28-31

We are not what we believe.

We are what we love (love to do & do for love)

We love, and **only** love, what we repeatedly do! (our habits, customs, rituals, rhythms)

Matthew 27:15 Now at *that* feast the governor was **wont** (εἰώθει) to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

Mark 10:1 And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was **wont** (εἰώθει), he taught them again.

Luke 1:9 According to the custom (κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἱερατείας) of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

Luke 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem **after the custom** (κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἑορτῆς) of the feast.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, **as his custom** (κατὰ τὸ εἰωθὸς αὐτοῦ) was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luke 22:39 And he came out, and went, **as he was wont** (κατὰ τὸ ἔθος), to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

John 19:40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, **as the manner** (καθὼς ἔθος ἐστὶν τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις) of the Jews is to bury.

Acts 17:2 And Paul, **as his manner** (κατὰ δὲ τὸ εἰωθὸς τοῦ Παύλου) was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Acts 25:16 To whom I answered, **It is not the manner** (οὐκ ἔστιν ἔθος Ῥωμαίοις) of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

I. Acknowledge God for all that He is!

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Most people begin the day with themselves and their problems – or what they want!

Begin the day with God!

Begin the night before!

Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

2 Corinthians 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings
in heavenly *places*
in Christ:

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do
exceeding
abundantly
above all that we ask or think,
according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 3:21 Unto him *be* glory in the church
by Christ Jesus
throughout all ages,
world without end. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew,
who is the blessed and only Potentate,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1 Timothy 6:16 Who only hath immortality,
dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;
whom no man hath seen, nor can see:
to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace,
that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Hebrews 13:21 Make you perfect
in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ;
to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift,
even so minister the same one to another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 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.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace,
who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,
after that ye have suffered a while,
make you perfect,
stablish,
strengthen,
settle *you*.

1 Peter 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion
for ever and ever. Amen.

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able
to keep you from falling,
and to present *you* faultless
before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Jude 25 to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever. Amen.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye:
Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be **thy** name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
Give **us** this day **our** daily bread.
And forgive **us our** debts,
as we forgive **our** debtors.
And lead **us** not into temptation,
but deliver **us** from evil:
For **thine** is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

II. Love God with all that you are!

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Mark 12:29 And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments** *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: **Mark 12:30** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. **Mark 12:31** And the **second is like, namely this**, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Romans 13:6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. **Romans 13:7** Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. **Romans 13:8** Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. **Romans 13:9** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, **it is briefly comprehended in this saying**, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Romans 13:10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: **therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is **fulfilled in one word**, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

James 2:8 If ye fulfil **the royal law** according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

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John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, **as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us....

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

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Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

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III. Integrate God and His word into all that you do!

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **Deuteronomy 6:7**

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **Deuteronomy 6:8** And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **Deuteronomy 6:9** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

The Joy of discovery!

An extended example: starting a job

Be on time!	Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
Work hard!	Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, <i>do</i> all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, <i>do it</i> heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
Show deference & respect!	Romans 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute <i>is due</i> ; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.
Be kind & positive to all!	Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
Don't steal!	Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.
Develop positive relationships	1 Peter 2:17 Honour all <i>men</i> . Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

<p>Avoid gossip!</p>	<p><u>Ephesians 4:31</u> Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:</p>
<p>Promote good, healthy conversations!</p>	<p><u>Ephesians 4:29</u> Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.</p>
<p>Be a problem solver! (Learn to get to yes!)</p>	<p><u>1 Samuel 14:6</u> And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for <i>there is</i> no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. <u>1 Samuel 14:7</u> And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that <i>is</i> in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I <i>am</i> with thee according to thy heart.</p>
<p>Share the gospel!</p>	<p><u>Mark 16:15</u> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.</p>
<p>Practice healthy, holy relationships with the opposite sex!!!</p>	<p><u>Ephesians 5:3</u> But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; <u>Ephesians 5:4</u> Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.</p>