

II TIMOTHY 2:15,19-21

15-Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

19-Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20-But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.

21-If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Iniquity is **a violation of the right or duty that mankind is under obligation to do**. An iniquity can also be a wicked act and immoral conduct or practice. These are harmful or offensive to society and, especially to God. In the bible, the terms, sin, and iniquity, are often used interchangeably.

What is iniquity in your heart?

Iniquity is **the inner act of willfulness against God**.

It involves the attitudes of the heart.

How do we remove the Iniquity from our lives? What is the result of removing iniquity from our lives?

- To Make NEW! (Repent) (Forgive)
 - Starts with the renewing of your heart and mind.

Romans 12: 1 & 2

1-I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2-And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God is?

Mosiah 1:52-60

52-I say unto you, my brethren, that if you should render all the thanks and praise which your whole souls have power to possess, to that God who has created you, and has kept and preserved you, and has caused that ye should rejoice, and has granted that ye should live in peace one with another;

53- I say unto you, that if ye should serve him who has created you from the beginning, and art preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath, that ye may live and move, and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another;

54- I say, if ye should serve him with all your whole soul, yet ye would be unprofitable servants.

55-And behold, all that he requires of you, is to keep his commandments; and he has promised you that if ye would keep his commandments, ye should prosper in the land;

56-And he never doth vary from that which he hath said; therefore, if ye do keep his commandments, he doth bless you, and prosper you.

57-And now, in the first place, he hath created you, and granted unto you your lives, for which ye are indebted unto him.

58- And secondly; he doth require that ye should do as he commanded you, for which if ye do, he doth immediately bless you; and therefore, he hath paid you.

59-And ye are still indebted unto him; and are, and will be, for ever and ever; therefore, of what have ye to boast?

60-And now I ask, Can ye say aught of yourselves? I answer you, Nay.

-Does anyone one here today know what the definition of insanity?

- Continuing to do the same thing and expecting a different result.

(This may seem to be an odd question but bear with me)!!!!

Brothers it is time to ask ourselves are we living the definition of insanity?

Are we being effective in our approach in bring about the cause of Zion here on earth?

What is more important?

- Being Right or thinking you are right?
- Or allowing yourself to be subject to the Holy Spirit?
 - The Holy Spirit cannot dwell in your heart when it is closed to the Spirit of Love and Consideration????
 - Can we consider that maybe we are not effective in our ministry and our approach of being disciples of Jesus Christ because we keep doing the same thing and some how expecting a different result?

Alma 3: 27-32

27-And now behold, I ask of you, my brethren of the church, Have ye spiritually been born of God?

28-Have ye received his image in your countenances?

29-Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?

30-Do ye exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you?

31-Do you look forward with an eye of faith, and view this mortal body raised in immortality, and this corruption raised in incorruption, to stand before God, to be judged according to the deeds which have been done in the mortal body?

32-I say unto you, Can you imagine to yourselves that ye hear the voice of the Lord saying unto you, in that day, Come unto me ye blessed, for behold, your works have been the works of righteousness upon the face of the earth?

There are men here today that are versed in the scriptures.

There are men here today that are versed in the traditions of the church.

Refer to SLIDE #1 Verse 20 and 21.

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Matthew 25:32-41

32-When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he shall sit upon the throne of his glory;

33-And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth sheep from the goats; the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left.

34-And he shall sit upon his throne, and the twelve apostles with him.

35-Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

36-For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me;

37-I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

38-Then shall the righteous answer him saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee; or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

39-When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in; or naked, and clothed thee?

40-Or when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in; or naked, and clothed thee?

41-And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me.

42-Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

What do you think Jesus Christ would say to us today if he was standing up front as I am this morning?

Would he say WELL DONE MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVENT?

Or would He Say Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels?

We like to think we have all the answers

We like to think that our opinions matter in God's plan

Brothers are we setting the example that others would inspire to be?

When you look into your mirror every day WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Do you see the countenance of Jesus Christ in your reflection?

Do others see the countenance of Jesus Christ in our daily walk?

Tell the story of the little girl that became a friend to a homeless man she passed on her way to school every day.

We can learn so much from the purity of the love of a little child.

BRAND NEW by Matthew West:

For over two years the Lord prompted me to invite a 100 people to church. I put God off for a long time until the Spirit overcome to and God spoke to me and gave me a list of people to invite. I invited people from other denominations, within the church, family, friends and those who had not been to church every before.

On the last Sunday of August 2022, I asked them to come share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I honestly was not sure who would show up to worship. We had upwards to 80 people at church that morning. But I was surprised at some that showed up and surprised on a few that didn't.

D&C Section 1:1a&b 2a,b,c

1a-Harken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say, Harken ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together.

b-for verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape, and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated.

D-and the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days, and they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.

2a-Behold, this is mine authority, and the authority of my servants, and my preface unto the book of my commandments, which I have given them to publish unto you, O inhabitants of the earth;

B-wherefore fear and tremble, O ye people, for what I the Lord have decreed, in them, shall be fulfilled.

c-And verily, I say unto you, that they who go forth, bearing these tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth, to them is power given to seal, both on earth and in heaven.

D&C Section 4: 1a,b,c,d,e & 2a,b

1a-Now, behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men,

b-therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God in the last days;

c-therefore, if ye have desire to serve God, ye are called to the work, for, behold, the field is white already to harvest.

d-and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perish not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;

e-and faith, hope, charity, and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualifies him for the work.

2a-Remember, faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

b-Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you Amen.