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Week 5

Negative and Positive Ideas

Our task should be the things God wants because they are more important than what the world wants. A change heart is transformation and it can only work for God. Human ways are internal sow, and we need to be born again to become new. Kenneth Boa said, "People motivate their needs for security, significance, and fulfillment, but they turn to the wrong places to have their needs met". The visible and the now are the horizontal motivators who include seven motivators, fear of loss, guilt, pride, hope of personal gain, reputation, prestige and pleasure.

The vertical motivators are biblical who relate to the long-term dynamics of the invisible and the not yes. Some of these we move quickly on and some we move without being conscious. These are the different stages and aspects of the spiritual journey. Kenneth titled these seven as (1) No Other Options: he feel this one is negative and he explained at times when no other option is when we can look to the Holy one or keep us anchored to obedience, how in the world can he say this is negative. Remember we are to look to Christ and not the world for the answers or in other words the way He would have us to go.

(2) The Fear of the LORD: the bottom line or the conclusion is we all will be judged. Your mind can tell you all day what you should do but the Lord asked Saul in Acts 9:4-5, (4) And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? (5) And he said, Who are You, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute: it is hard for you to kick against the pricks.

Paul letters speak for themselves that we to be “clear” what we tell others about the fear of the Lord. It still stands the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast to the left and to the right. Kenneth said, our natural tendency is to be more concerned of others opinions whom we can see than about the favor of God whom we cannot see. Jesus will remind us not to make a serious mistake because of consequences of disobedience to God. They are so much greater than the consequences of disobedience to people.

Out of many scriptures two stuck out at me Deuteronomy 5:29, oh that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever! And Revelation 14:7, verse 6 said, an Angel fly in the midst of Heaven..., verse 7 said. With a loud voice, Fear God, and give “Glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him who made Heaven, and Earth, and the sea, and t fountains of water. (3) Love and Gratitude: I have lived long enough now to know that God is love. The question about His love is would you send your son to die for others. God loves being a propitiation for us. There is nothing negative about that. Who stretches their arm in between an enemy?

No one but inherit, our Father. This is one of the gratitude’s I know He has done and will do in my future. (4) Rewards: An unbeliever have no reward. I personally when I sinned if it got me any where it did not last. Luke 12:36, and you yourselves like unto men wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding; that when He comes and knocks, they may open unto Him immediately. There is a story about rewards Luke 19:11-27, (positive) “Occupy till I come” v27 But those My enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither and slay them before Me.

(5) Our Identity in Christ: I agree with Kenneth “the problem is that most people who have received God’s gift of forgiveness and life in Christ have either forgotten or have never grasped what it means to be a child of God, (negative) Our performance does not determine our identity; instead, our new identity in Jesus becomes the basic for what we do. If we choose to acknowledge the truth of scripture, we will begin to see God and ourselves in a new light (positive). This is a matter of acknowledging its authority by taking God at His word in spite of how we feel or who we think we are. Let us honor God when we allow Him to define us and tell us and tell us who we are regardless of our feelings or experiences to the contrary.

(6) Purpose and Hope: (negative) Kenneth said, laying hold of a sense of purpose can be a significant source of motivation, but the problem is that as believers, we are more inclined to pursue temporal rather than biblical purposes. (Positive) God in His sovereignty can use all our previous experiences to prepare us for our true mission.

(7) Longing for God: The psalmists cultivated a passion for God’s presence and understood that anything of true value comes from His hand (positive). Kenneth said, Jesus took it for granted that all human beings are “seekers” (negative). Kenneth used his opinion. Matthew 6:33 But seek you first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. The only Jesus I know remember: He is omniscient understanding, and insight.