THE MINISTER'S HIGH CALLING

Text: Phil. 3:8-10, 14
Intro: The greatest calling any saved person can receive is for God to call a saved man into ministry. It is a high calling or a heavenly calling. Paul stressed the point many times by saying he was not an apostle by the will of man, but rather by the will and calling of God. I have chosen to remind Calvary B.C. and Pastor Hitt, T. B. I. Instructors and President Brooks, and especially this graduating class of the minister's high calling. Consider three points with me. (1) The Minister (2) The Ministry (3) The Ministering.

I. THE MINISTER.
A. Should be saved.
   1. Paul referred to Titus as his son in the common faith. Tit. 1:4
   2. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus." II Tim. 1:1
   3. Some men who are not saved try to minister in the spiritual realm, but cannot.
   4. To be a spiritual minister, one must be spiritual. Lost men are not spiritual, but display attributes of the flesh.

B. Should be spiritual.
   1. Only a saved man can be spiritual and only a man who will yield himself to Bible Study, prayer, and obedience will be. I John 1:7
   2. The Bishop or pastor is to be just holy, and temperate. Tit. 1:8
   3. Since he is to lead the people to worship in spirit and truth, he must be spiritual. John 4:24
   4. He isn't to be self-willed, soon angry, given to wine, or given to filthy lucre. Tit. 1:7, Filthy lucre—a shameful gainer.
   5. "But thou, o man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." I Tim. 6:11.

C. Should be sound.
   1. Timothy was to commit what he heard to faithful men. II Tim. 2:2, Men who were able to teach

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2. "Holding fast the faithful word. As he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." Tit. 1:9 Sound means in health.

3. Earnestly contend for the faith. Jude 3. Pastors and teachers were given for perfecting of saints, work of ministry, and edifying the body of Christ. Eph. 4:12.

4. The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine. II Tim. 4:3.

D. Should be stedfast.

1. Faithful stewards of the mysteries of God. I Cor. 4:2
2. Isaiah volunteers to go. How long? Until cities without inhabitant and houses without man. Isa. 6:11
3. Paul taught the church to be stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the Lord's work. I Cor. 15:58 Stedfast-steady or settled.

E. Should be separated.

1. To be blameless. Tit. 1:6
2. Purge himself. II Tim. 2:21 Flee youthful lust. II Tim. 2:22
3. Not to get entangled with affairs of this life. II Tim. 2:4
4. Come out from among them. II Cor. 6:17

F. Should be strong.

1. To be strong in grace. II Tim. 2:1
3. The Lord is our strength, Psa. 18:1 II Cor. 12:9.

II. THE MINISTERING.

A. He is a soldier.

1. We are to endure hardness as a good soldier. II Tim. 2:3
2. Paul fought a good fight. II Tim. 4:7
3. "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway." I Cor. 9:27.

B. He is a soul winner.

1. We are to do the work of an evangelist. II Tim. 4:5
2. We are to point people to the Lamb of God. John 1:29
3. We are to preach the gospel. Rom 1:16
4. We are to preach the cross of Christ. I Cor. 1:18.

C. He is a shepherd.

1. We have the oversight of the flock. I Pet. 5:2
2. We oversee the church and feed her. Acts 20:28.
3. We are to tend or take care of the flock.

D. He is a student of the word.

1. Much time is to be given to study. II Tim. 2:15.
2. We are to preach the word. II Tim. 4:1
3. God's word will accomplish His pleasure and prosper where He sends it. Isa. 55:11.
4. We are to be teachers of the precious, pure, and powerful word of God. They gave the sense and caused them to understand. Neh. 8:8.

E. He is a servant.

1. Jesus is our great example. Phil 2:7, 8
2. We are the servants of the Lord. II Tim. 2:24.
3. We are to make full proof of the ministry. II Tim. 4:5.
5. We are to render service to the Lord, His churches, and mankind.

III. THE MINISTRY.

A. Minister to the sinner.

1. Much of the Lord's ministry was devoted to those lost in sin.
2. The Thief on the cross is an example.
3. As men of God we are to witness to those lost in sin by life, lip and love.
4. We are to teach them and tell them.

B. Minister to the saint.

1. Much of the Lord's ministry was devoted to teaching His people.
2. He warned them, taught them, rebuked them.
3. As men of God we are called upon to help and minister to God's precious people.
4. We are to love them, lead them, teach them, warn them, give them hope, and feed their souls with God's word.

C. Minister to the sick.

1. Pray for them and with them in their condition.
2. Help them to cope and give them hope.
3. Love them and hear them and understand them.

D. Minister to the sorrowing.

1. Jesus went to Mary and Martha after their brother died. He wept. John 11:35
2. Jesus stop the funeral procession and raised the widow's son from the dead.
3. Death, disease, tragedies, taking life, murder etc., affect people in our time.
4. Troubles and heartaches abound. We need to minister to them.

E. Minister to the sinful.

1. Sin is a fact before and after salvation.
2. The Lord is the great compassionate, caring High Priest. Heb. 4:15, Matt. 9:5, 6.
3. He ministered to the thief, adulterous woman, etc.,
4. God's man is to call upon people to confess their sins and allow the Lord to cleanse them.
WHY IS GOD'S HOUSE FORSAKEN?

TEXT: Nehemiah 13:11

INTRO: I come to my text, and I ask it as a question as it is asked here in the word of God, and I hope I will answer it, "Why is God's House Forsaken?"

I. THE FIRST REASON IS, MODERNISM IN THE PULPIT.
A. Some people like smooth preaching.
B. In Isaiah's day the people said, "Speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits" Isa. 30:10
C. Paul said to young Timothy (II. Tim. 4:1-2)

II. THE SECOND REASON WHY GOD'S HOUSE IS FORSAKEN IS BECAUSE OF LACK OF PRAYER.
A. I Thess. 5:17
B. James 5:17
C. I turn to the book of Acts and I find that the early church spent their time praying when they had difficulties. Act. 4:31.

III. THE THIRD REASON WHY GOD'S HOUSE IS FORSAKEN IS UNKEPT VOWS.
A. How many times have you made God a promise and didn't keep it?
B. Ecclesiastes 5:4, this is not speaking only of money, but beloved it goes far beyond that.
C. Jacob made three promises to God when he was saved. Gen. 28:20-22.

IV. THE FOURTH REASON WHY GOD'S HOUSE IS FORSAKEN IS BECAUSE OF UNCONFESSED SINS.
A. The Lord talks very plainly about confessing our sins unto the Lord. I John 1:9.

V. A FIFTH REASON WHY THE HOUSE OF GOD IS FORSAKEN IS BECAUSE OF UNPAID TITHES.
A. Malachi 3:8-10.

VI. A SIXTH REASON WHY GOD'S HOUSE IS FORSAKEN IS BECAUSE OF UNBRIDLED TONGUES.

VII. A SEVENTH REASON WHY GOD'S HOUSE IS FORSAKEN IS BECAUSE OF UNDISCIPLINED CHURCH MEMBERS.
A. Why is it we have such a hard time to get people to attend church?

B. Every week I ask several people including church members but rarely do they come.
C. When a church fails to discipline her members that are walking disorderly that church is causing people to forsake the house of God.

CONCLUSION:
There is a remedy to this question "Why is the House of God Forsaken?", I believe the answer is found in Eph. 5:18.

When it Took Three Wrongs to Make One Right

TEXT. LUKE 22:54-62

INTRO: We have often heard the expression, "two wrongs don't make one right." In our text we see how three wrongs made one (apostle Peter) right. Peter was a very selfconfident individual most of the time. He believed it to be out of the question that he would every deny the Lord. However, when Jesus was arrested, Peter did three wrongs before he got right.

I. He Was In The Wrong Place.
A. "Afar Off" v-54
1. Instead of being by Jesus' side as he had been in the garden.
2. Peter's commitment to go even to death with the Lord was being tested and was failing.
B. Many Christians today are like Peter, following afar off.
1. Close enough to keep him in view but not close enough to be identified with him.
2. Afar off one can observe without involvement.
C. Being afar off is the wrong place to be because a disciple should be near his teacher, a servant near his Master.

II. He Was In The Wrong Company.
A. Seated among the unbelievers and Christ rejectors. v-55
1. Peter knew better, He had been set apart from his company, Psa. 1:1
2. He was as out of place as a lamb in a pig pen.
B. It behoves we Christians to choose carefully the company we keep.
1. Lot failed to choose carefully.
2. Judas was keeping wrong company.
C. Being in the wrong company will:
1. Silence our testimony.
2. Give the wrong impression.
3. Lead to wrong actions.
4. Result in remorse.

II. He Said The Wrong Thing.
A. "I know him not." "I am not" "I know not what thou sayest" v-57
58 and 60.
B. Peter’s denial came when he was in the wrong place keeping wrong company.
C. Many Christians deny Christ by being in the wrong place with the wrong company.
1. By actions - ungodly, unholy
2. By word - profanity, smut
3. This is done many times because it is popular with the company one is keeping.
D. Someone has said, "you just can’t sleep with pigs without smelling like them." You can’t keep company with the ungodly without looking and acting like them.

IV. He Did The Right Thing.
A. After three wrongs he got one right.
These wrongs made him:
1. "Remember" v-61
   a. How he had bragged.
   b. What the Lord had said.
2. "Wept bitterly" repented. From this point on, Peter was an uncompromising, faithful servant who stayed close to the Lord, never again to be found in the wrong place, in wrong company or saying wrong things.
B. When caught in the wrong place, in wrong company, saying wrong things, the right thing to do is repent.

THE WORD OF THE CROSS

Joe Brooks

TEXT: I COR. 1:18

INTRO. The phrase "The preaching of the cross..." is translated the word of the cross. The heart of Christianity is the Bible, the heart of the Bible is the cross and the heart of the cross is the very heart of God.

I. THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS GOD’S WORD CONCERNING HOLINESS AND SIN.

1. This is the Holiness of the sufferer and the wileness of sin for which he suffered.
   A. John 8:34
   B. No true liberty where there is no breaking away from sin.
2. Christ committed no sin
   A. Had He sinned He could not have been our savior.
3. He was holy, harmless, and separate from siners.
   A. Yet this Holy one bore our sins on the cross.
   B. Acts. 2:23.
4. The holiness of God and the sinfulness of man met in a great conflict on the cross.

6. The word of the cross then is
   A. The word of victory to holiness
   B. The word of defeat to sin

II. THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS GOD’S WORD CONCERNING LOVE AND SACRIFICE.

1. When God gave His Son it was not with any expectation that He might escape the cross.
   A. There was no other hope of saving man but by the sacrifice of the cross.
2. The cross stands for the love of God the Father.
   A. The sacrifice of the cross stands for the Love of God, the Son.
3. In the cross is seen the message of infinite and undressed love.
   A. Only God could so love as to give His only Son.
   B. Only the Son could so love as to give Himself for us.

III. THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS GOD’S WORD CONCERNING PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. Only in the blood of the cross can the filthy rags of Isaiah 64:6 be made white as snow.
2. Paul tells us peace comes only through the blood of Jesus. Romans 5:1.
3. All that was against man in the eyes of righteous God, all that stood in the way of reconciliation was nailed to the cross. Colo. 2:14.
4. Who shall say this is not ample?

IV. THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS GOD’S WORD CONCERNING SALVATION POWER.

1. Look at the text "The word of the cross is...unto us which are being saved the power of God."
2. The death of Jesus is the power of God to save
   A. It is the power of God to keep
   B. It is the power of God to raise and glorify those who have believed.
3. At the cross Jesus lost His life to save men.
   A. It is at the cross that man must lose self that He might find Jesus.

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The Greatest CALAMITY of Time or Eternity  
Gordon Shaffer

Text:  
1. These Proverbs of Solomon's are divine words of wisdom.  
2. Divine, because of inspiration.  
3. They spoke of men in that day: They speak of men today, men who disregard God, refuse His counsel, spurn His outstretched hand.  
4. A calamity is a misfortune or a disaster. We see many in a lifetime but today I speak of the greatest of them all.

I. CALAMITIES ON EARTH ARE DREADFUL

A. One might thing of world war two atrocities. 
1. Concentration camps in Europe  
2. Gas chambers in Germany.  

B. Consider the bombing of Pearl Harbor 
1. The bataan death march  
2. The atomic explosion

C. One sees, hears, and reads of disaster almost every day. 
1. Jet planes fall killing hundreds  
2. Blizzards, fires, storms  
3. All these things are a part of life.

II. THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF FRIGHTENING THINGS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE.

A. We read the account of the destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen. 19:24,25.  
1. Because of the great sin in these cities, God sent His angels to deliver just Lot and destroy the cities.  
2. Not even ten righteous people could be found in them.  
3. Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt.

B. The sons of Israel came upon a city while they were sick and killed all the men of the city with the sword. Gen. 34:25.

C. King Herod decreed all male children two years old and under be killed. Matt. 2:16.

D. In Gen. 6, we read of the destruction of the whole world. 
1. The judgement of God fell upon a wicked generation.  
2. The water covered the whole world. All but eight souls perished...What a calamity.

E. The Bible speaks of a time in the future when there will be greater tribulations than the world has ever known. Matt. 24:21.  
1. This speaks of the great tribulations to come. 
2. We have spoke of cities destroyed by fire, small children killed, the world destroyed by the flood. 
3. Reference made to the great tribulation to come. 
4. How terrible these things will be.

III.YET THE GREATEST CALAMITY OF ALL IS FOR ONE TO DIE WITHOUT GOD.

A. This speaks of the condition of multitudes of people today. 
1. It speaks of a time that is coming to all who reject Jesus. 
   a. It concerns good men  
   b. It concerns wicked men

2. Hell is a literal place of eternal torment. 
   a. The rich man died and went to hell 
   b. In hell he had all his five senses 
   c. He cried for mercy 
   d. He begged for water 
   e. He was tormented in flames

B. All this came upon him after he had refused Christ. 
1. The words of Christ are made known to you today. 
   a. John 3:18  
   b. John 5:24  
   c. Act. 16:31

2. Christ is stretching out his hand to you. He invites you to come to salvation. 
   a. Matt. 11:28  
   b. John 12:32

3. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13

ANGER

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TEXT: Psalms 37:1-8

INTRO: Emotions are good, we come with a set of them when we are born. They help us to react to any situation that arises.

A. But we need to know how to control our emotions.

B. As long as they are under our control our lives can go on normally.

C. It is when our emotions control us, that the flesh takes over.

I. Anger is an Emotion:

A. When I see hurt in the lives of others, I hurt too.  
1. Even to the point of tears.  
2. Some believe it is a sign of immaturity to shed tears, at funerals or when hurt.  
3. This is not so.

B. When I see wrong being done, I become angry.  
1. This is usually a very quick response.  
2. When our building was broken into and our amplifier was stolen, I became very angry!  
3. I even thought of, "I would like to have been here with a gun, when they came out."  
4. But after I cooled down, I remembered that God is the best judge and rewarder.

C. I still hate sin and become angry at it, but, maturity, causes us to realise that "All are sinners, and have come short of
the glory of God"
1. I would "not" like to see those persons spend eternity in Hell.
2. And yet if they refuse to trust Christ, and let Him change their lives that is where they will spend eternity.

II. Anger is Right (In some cases)

A. When World War I and World War II broke out, we were provoked, by INDESPICABLE ACTS of violence and terror.
   1. Our men became angry
   2. There was no problem raising an army to fight against Nazism, and Japanese Imperialist.
   3. God also blessed this anger, because it was not as a whole vented against individuals, but an ungodly system.

B. When we look at the drug problem we feel anger.
   1. It should be so.
   2. Think about what it is doing to our Teens.
   3. But to just shoot the dealers down on the streets, would be to kill innocent victims who are caught up in an evil scheme.
   4. Many children in their immaturity, experiment with drugs and get caught up in them, before they understand the true results.
   5. It is right to be angry at this situation!!

III. Anger Can Be Wrong:

A. Why do you like to live in America?
   1. Probably because every one is supposed to be equal under the law!
   2. If a man does something to break the law, he is tried by his peers and given a sentence.

B. Have you ever thought what kind of country we would have, if every time we got angry we were free to vent that anger on HIM at whom out anger was ment.
   1. Say if a man passes you on the highway, and crowds you off the highway. (Shoot him right there on the spot.)
   2. If some one gets that promotion on the job that you think you should have. (Shoot him right there.)

C. Anger can be used wrong, and is used wrong, when it is vented at individuals.
   1. We should be angry at the wrong.
   2. But understand, that all men are sinners and will do wrong in their life time, even you.
   3. Be willing to discuss and work things out.

IV. Anger should be controlled:

A. If every one was taught the Ten Commandments
B. If every one tried to take the burdens of others into considerations.

C. If every one walked in the other man's shoes, for one day.
D. We would probably be able to live with our neighbor better.

CONCLUSION: (Eph. 4:26) "BE YE ANGRY AND SIN NOT, DON'T LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR WRATH."
A. If you will follow this command, your anger will not bring you harm or it will not harm others.
B. Too many of us let our anger fester inside our flesh, until it becomes a sin in our lives.

THE FIRST LOVE

TEXT: REV. 2:1-7

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INTRODUCTION:

A. The Lord walks in the midst of His churches (Rev. 1:13) to observe and to evaluate, as well as to sustain.
B. Note the GOOD He found in the Church of Ephesus.
   1. They were a working, labouring people.
   2. They were a patient people.
   3. They could not tolerate evil.
   4. They practiced discipline.
   5. They were not "quitters". V.3
   6. They hated false doctrine. V. 6

C. Their weakness: "THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE"
   1. "THE LOVE WHICH YOU HAD AT THE FIRST."
   2. "THE LOVE OF FIRST THINGS."
   3. Quote: "WHERE LOVE FOR GOD Wanes, LOVE FOR MAN diminishes, and where love for man is soured, love for God degenerates into religious formalism. CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT LOVE IS A PERVERTED FAITH."

I. THE SAVED PERSON HAS INBORN LOVE!

A. Romans 5:5
   1. This is not legislated.
   2. This is not something one has for another because the "other" merits it, measures up to a set of demands or expectation etc.
   3. This is an Holy Spirit INBORN QUALITY which every "born again" person possess.
B. This "inborn quality" is the GREATEST GIFT of the Spirit. I Cor. 13:13
C. This "inborn quality" gives a two-fold evidence.
   1. It gives the individual evidence that he or she is saved. I John 3:14.
   2. It gives evidence to THE OUTSIDE WORLD that one is saved. John 13:35.
D. This "Love" is EVIDENCED by certain other QUALITIES.
2. Love's NEGATIVE SIDE: I Cor. 13
   a. "Envieith not: I Cor. 13:4
   b. "Vaunteth not self"
   c. "not puffed up"
   d. "Doth not behave unseemly"
   e. "seeketh not her own"
   f. "Not easily provoked"
   g. "thinketh no evil"
   h. "rejoiceth not in iniquity"
3. Love's POSITIVE QUALITIES:
   a. "Suffers long"
   b. "Is Kind"
   c. "Rejoices in truth"
   d. "beareth all things"
   e. "believeth"
   f. "hopeth"
   g. "endureth"
   h. "never faileth"
E. This love can be "LEFT."
   To omit, pass over, to let alone, to care not for, to suffer, to become less intense, to relax, to leave, to depart from, to desert, forsake, harper.

II. LOVE'S FIRST THINGS:
A. Who/what the believer is to love:
   1. Negative side:
      a. Not the world: I John 2:15
      b. Not Money: I Tim. 6:10
      c. Application: Don't put WORLD ON SAME LEVEL, ABOVE GOD. II Tim. 4:10
   2. The BELIEVER'S FIRST LOVE:
      a. God, our heavenly Father: Matt. 22:37
      b. The Saviour: John 14:15
      c. The Leading, comforting, interceeding Holy Spirit.
      d. The Lord's Body, which is His Church, I John 4:11.
      e. The Word of Truth: "rejoiceth in truth"
         "O how I love thy law? it is my meditation all the day." Psalm 119:97. "I hate vain thoughts; but thy law do I love." Psalm 119:113. "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold yea, above fine gold."
      g. LOST SOUL. John 3:16

III. EXAMPLES OF THE LOVE YOU HAD AT THE FIRST LOVING THE FIRST THINGS.
A. The man who was born blind who had been given his sight, sought and SAVED. John 9:38.
B. Acts 9:6
C. Acts 8:36
D. Acts 16:15
E. The desire to "RIGHT WRONGS:" Luke 19:8
F. LOVE FOR OTHERS LOST IN SIN:
   1. John 4:29, 39

IV. THE DANGER OF LOVELESS CHURCH.

A. If a church be thus it is because MEMBERS ARE THUS.
B. The "warning" given by the Head of the Church.
   1. Repent for what?
      a. Not loving God the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT
      b. Not loving the Word of God:
      c. Not loving the Church of God:
      d. Not loving One's family:
      e. Not loving LOST SOULS for whom Jesus died.

THE HUSBAND/WIFE RELATIONSHIP

Text: Eph. 5:21-33

Introduction:
A. The EXTREME importance - have a balanced concept.
   1. This is needed in order to have a relationship that is ordained and ordered by God.
   2. The outcome of such a relationship will be one of fulfillment, wholeness, completeness, and happiness.
   3. Abuse and misuse has caused unbalance which results in conflict and confusion.
B. The EXPONDING of this message will be in three divisions.
   1. The BACKGROUND considerations.
   2. The BIBLICAL concepts.
   3. The BASIC conclusion.

I. THE BACKGROUND CONSIDERATIONS.
A. The CHANGING times in society have brought about an identity crisis.
   1. This has produced trauma & tension.
   2. We're having a hard time understanding our part and place in our relationships.
   3. Unbalanced concepts are causing tremendous stresses-discontent.
B. The CAUSES of this change.
   1. EMANCIPATING developments in reference to women.
      a. Common age old idea - woman's place is in the home.
      b. Present day idea - woman's place is anywhere she wants to be.
   2. EDUCATIONAL opportunities.
      a. More women in universities now than men.
b. This has caused female competence whereby if that individual has been involved in relationships directly or indirectly which were abused and misused they will more than likely become unbalanced in their relationship with others.

3. ECONOMICAL considerations.
   a. Lifestyles require two salaries to support it.
   b. Women are becoming bread winners themselves.

4. EQUALITY concepts.
   a. Women are challenging the principles upon which this nation was founded-equality.
   b. Is there equality in every area?
      I Cor. 11:3

C. The CONSEQUENCES of the change.
   1. CONFUSION of roles.
   2. CONFLICT.

II. THE BIBLICAL CONCEPTS.

A. SUBMISSION to divine authority. Eph. 5:21; I Cor. 11:3
   1. Discuss the personhood of the individual - sonship & Lordship.
   2. Discuss the role of the individuals - Lordship.
   3. When you start meddling with marriage your meddling with a divine institution.
   4. A marriage that is based on anything other than the fear of God is a marriage that is based on concepts other than divine authority.
   5. When you get married you are accepting responsibility for a piece of God's divine creation.
   6. The bedrock of marriage is submission to divine authority.
   7. The order - Lord - family - career.

B. SURRENDER to each other. Eph. 5:21
   1. Listen to each other-gain insights.
   2. Evaluate the thoughts of each other.
   3. Surrender yourself to the input of each other.

C. SUPPORTIVENESS of the wife.
   1. I Pet. 3:1-5 "LIKEWISE, YE WIVES, BE IN SUBJECTION TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS: THAT IF ANY OBEY NOT THE WORD, THEY ALSO MAY WITHOUT THE WORD BE CONVINCED IN THE CONVERSATION OF THE WIVES: V-2 WHILE THEY BEHOLD YOUR CHASTE CONVERSATION COUPLED WITH FEAR. V3 WHOSE ADONING LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADONING OF PLAITING THE HAIR, AND OF WEARING OF GOLD, OR OF PUTTING ON OF Apparel: V-4 BUT LET IT BE THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART, IN THAT WHICH IS NOT CORRUPTIBLE. EVEN THE ORNAMENT OF A MEAK AND QUIET SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE SIGHT OF GOD OF GREAT PRICE. V-5 FOR AFTER THIS MANNER IN THE OLD TIME THE HOLY WOMEN ALSO, WHO TRUSTED IN GOD, ADORNED THEMSELVES, BEING IN SUBJECTION UNTO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS."
   2. TITUS 2:3-5 "THE AGED WOMEN LIKEWISE, THAT THEY BE IN BEHAVIOUR AS BECOMETH HOLINESS, NOT FALSE ACCUSERS, NOT GIVEN TO MUCH WINE, TEACHERS OF GOOD THINGS: V-4 THAT THEY MAY TEACH THE YOUNG WOMEN TO BE SOBER, TO LOVE THEIR HUSBANDS, TO LOVE THEIR CHILDREN. V-5 TO BE DISCREET, CHASTE, KEEPERS AT HOME, GOOD, OBEYDENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED."

3. EPH. 5:22 "WIVES, SUBMIT YERSELVES UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, AS UNTO THE LORD."
   4. EPH. 5:33 "NEVERTHELESS LET EVERY ONE OF YOU IN PARTICULAR SO LOVE HIS WIFE EVEN AS HIMSELF: AND THE WIFE SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND."
   5. She must support the final decision once it has been made after all the input has been given.
   6. Other scriptures. Prov. 31 & I Cor. 7

D. SELFLESSNESS of the husband.
   2. EPH. 5:25 "HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT."
   3. EPH. 5:28 "SO OUGHT MEN TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE THAT LOVETH HIS WIFE LOVETH HIMSELF."
   4. Gives of himself to his wife.
   5. Encourages and develops his wife (note Christ's relationship to the church.)
   6. Discover their gifts and encourages them.
   7. Nourish and cherish them. Eph. 5:29

III. THE BASIC CONCLUSIONS.
   A. Anything that de-humanizes a woman is wrong.
   B. Anything that deifies a man is wrong.

CONCERNING OUR SALVATION
   1. The Father Thought of it.
   2. The Son Brought it.
   3. The Holy Spirit Wrought it.
   4. The Churches Taught it.
   5. The Sinner Sought it.