



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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## **Heart to Heart...**

*“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.”* (I Corinthians 6:9-10) DO NOT BE DECEIVED! Deception is all around us and many are taken in. All of the above practices have one thing in common: UNGODLINESS. It needs to concern us not only for our own spiritual state of being but the deception of how we accept ungodly behavior while thinking we are walking with Jesus.

*“There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, yet is not washed from his filthiness.”* (Proverbs 30:12) People who believe they are in right standing with the Lord yet still filthy in His eyes and are utterly deceived. No one accepting or practicing ungodly behavior has any part of God! God is light, not darkness. God is holy, not impure. God is righteous, not unrighteous and for us to come into His presence, we had to be cleansed from our filthiness and that came at the cost of the blood of Christ. Our cleansing should create a desire within us for godly living both in what we do and the example we set before others.

*“If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing...”* (I Timothy 6:3-4) The doctrine (teachings we follow) of God conforms us to godliness and we should be striving for that each day of our lives. Each day we should be removing things from our lives, our hearts that are impure to making us more Christ-like both in attitude and actions. If we aren't conforming to godliness, we understand nothing! Godliness is one who is well-devoted to pleasing and being like God. Godliness is a life that is consistent with God. Godliness is summed up in this: *“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former*

*lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all your behavior.”* (I Peter 1:14-15) Holy behavior encompasses godliness.

The Scriptures speak of us having eternal life. I John 5:13, John speaks that he has written his letter to those who truly believe in the name of the Son of God so they might know they have eternal life. Eternal life is not eternity but it is sharing in the life of God! How does one know they share in the life of God now that will take us to eternity? By the practice of godliness! God’s holiness, His righteousness, His purity is manifested in us that shows us we are participating, sharing, fellowshiping in His life. While it is true we will stumble, but stumbling isn’t wallowing in sin and sinful examples to others. Stumbling creates within us sorrow and repentant hearts because we know we pained God and His holiness.

We need to take serious inventory of our own hearts to see how we are living. Are we deceiving ourselves thinking what we do is acceptable to God while acting in unholy ways? Are we deceiving ourselves in accepting ungodly practices in others? God takes no part, no fellowship in ungodly behavior. We need to conform to the doctrine of godliness. Forgiveness should lead us into desiring and walking in the Light striving to be pure and holy in our behavior. Do not be deceived, those who practice ungodly behavior, react with ungodly behavior or set an example to others with unholiness in their lives will not inherit the kingdom of God. Have you been washed from your filthiness and removing the impurities from your life? Think about it!!!

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