

Living Biblically, Part 1 ...Matthew 5:33-37

"Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil." ...Matthew 5:33 (ESV)

"The expression of Christian character is not good doing, but God-likeness. If the Spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit Divine characteristics in your life, not good human characteristics. God's life in us expresses itself as God's life, not as human life trying to be godly." ...Oswald Chambers

"Without the fear of God, men do not even observe justice and charity among themselves" ...John Calvin

1. Jesus Forbids Oaths... Scripture: Matthew 5:33

- Swearing Falsely... (*Lev 19:12, Numbers 30:2, Deut. 23:21,23*)
- Truthful Oaths vs. Sinful Oaths
- Taking the Lord's name in vain...
- "God, if you do this, I will do this".... "I swear to God"

2. Do not swear at all... Scripture: Matthew 5:34

- God's Oaths (*Heb. 6:13-18*)
- Christ speaks under oath (*Matthew 26: 63-64*)
- Oaths found in the Law (*Numbers 5: 19,21; 30:2-3*)
- Are we flippant in our words? "Lose lips sink ships"

3. Heaven, Earth, Jerusalem... Scripture: Matthew 5:35-36

- Binding Oaths vs. Non-Binding Oaths... *Twisting the Law to find a way out*
- It is all His! His Throne, His footstool, His City, Our heads!

4. Cultivating honesty in our actions... Scripture: Matthew 5:37

- Our failures lead to oaths.... Actions speak louder than words! Let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No.
- Living a Gospel Centered Life!
- *"So often we try to develop Christian character and conduct without taking the time to develop God-centered devotion. We try to please God without taking the time to walk with Him and develop a relationship with Him. This is impossible to do." ~ Jerry Bridges*

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*

2. READ James 5:12 together as a group... How can we as Christian men live Gospel Centered Lives in our actions and in our relationships at home, at work, and in every area of our lives?

- Give some examples of what it means for our "Yes" to mean "Yes", and our "No" to mean "No"?

3. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life?
How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)