

XLVI. The Supernatural Life - Pt 1

A. The Satisfying Life

1. Pursuits that Destroy - Teddy Roosevelt

- a. Prosperity at any price
- b. Peace at any price
- c. Safety first instead of Duty first
- d. The love of soft living and get rich theory of life

2. A Life that Produces

a. a Disciplined Life - 1 Co 9:25-27

i. pursuits of anyone

- competes for the prize is temperate in all things.
- they do it to obtain a perishable crown,

ii. Pursuits for believers

- but we for an imperishable crown.
- I discipline my body/ bring it into subjection, to not be disqualified.

b. The Disciplined Life - by Richard Shelly

- i. balance achieved by bringing faculties and powers under control
- ii. Governed by sense of responsibility
- iii. See adversity as that which serve him
- iv. Submits to learn what adversity teaches

c. Self-discipline is willingness to submit

- i. personal desires and objectives to that which is selfless and divine
- ii. That which is attractive and easy (flesh) to that which is right and necessary - the Word of God

3. the Supernatural life

a. conducted in a manner worthy of the Gospel - Phil 1:27

b. having a mindset like Christ - Phil 2:5

c. working out salvation with fear - Phil 2:12 knowing it is God that works in us - 13

d. conforming our outer life to what is true on the inside

B. The Duty of Each Believer

1. Let love be without hypocrisy. - vs 9a

a. **agape** - love, affection or benevolence; charity(-ably), dear - 1Ti 1:5

- i. centered on the needs of the loved one not the cost to the one loving
- ii. The most important virtue - 1 Co 13:13
 - prayed for increased love - 1 Th 3:12
 - that which endures hardship - 2 Co 6:4-6
- iii. A sign of true salvation - 1 Jo 3:14

b. **anupokritos** - undissembled, sincere, w/out dissimulation, hypocrisy, unfeigned.

- i. untainted by selfishness
- ii. Antithesis and incompatible with agape love

2. Abhor what is evil. - vs 9b

a. the other side of love - 1 Co 13:6

b. evil is the antithesis of holiness - Ps 97:10; Pro 8:13; Ro 7:14-15,19-21

c. genuine hatred of evil causes avoidance of evil - Ps 1:1-2

3. Cling to what is good. - vs 9c

a. *kollao* - to glue, to stick, cleave, join (self), keep company.

b. *agathos* - that which is inherently "good", benefit, well. - Phil 4:8

c. how - Ro 12:1-2

B. The Duty of Each Believer in relation to the Family of God - vs 10-13

1. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, - vs 10a

a. *philostorgos* - fond of natural relatives, fraternal towards fellow Christian,

i. *philos* - friend, friendship love

ii. *storge* - natural family love

b. *philadelphia* - fraternal affection:--brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.

c. two words w/ same meaning indicates the devotion to doing it

i. one of the marks of a true Christian - Jo 13:35; 1 Jo 4:20; 5:1

ii. Reflects the true nature of a Christian - Eph 4:24; 1 Th 4:9; 1 Jo 2:9-11

2. in honor giving preference to one another; - 10b

a. the natural consequence of the above

b. deals w/ humility - Ro 12:3; Php 2:3;

c. *time* - a value, money paid, or valuables; esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself:--honor, precious, price, some.

i. not flattery

ii. To show genuine appreciation

d. *proegeomai* - to lead the way for others, show deference:--prefer.

3. not lagging in diligence, -vs 11a;

a. not lagging - lit. not lazy in zeal and intensity - Eph 5:15-16

b. diligence - refers to whatever believers do - Heb 6:10-12

4. fervent in spirit, - vs 11b

a. *zeo* - to be hot (boil, of liquids; or glow, of solids), be fervid (earnest):--be fervent.

b. not boiling over or out of control, but having sufficient heat to get work done

5. serving the Lord; - vs 11c

a. deals with perspective and priority

b. everything done should be consistent w/ God's word & for His glory - 1 Co 10:31

6. rejoicing in hope, - vs 12a; Lu 10:20; Ro 5:2 1 Pe 4:13

a. faith in what God has promised in the future - Ro 8:24-25; 2 Ti 4:8

b. understanding that our labor, suffering is not in vain - 1 Co 15:58; Ga 3:4

7. patient in tribulation, - vs 12b

a. b/c we have assurance concerning the future (rejoice in hope)

b. we can persist in what is right regardless of the suffering involved - Ro 5:2-5

8. continuing steadfastly in prayer; - vs 12c

a. *proskartereo* - to be earnest towards, to persevere, be constantly diligent,

b. not just request, but in communion with - Jo 15, abiding

9. distributing to the needs of the saints, - vs 13a

a. *koinoneo* - to share with others, communicate, distribute, be partaker. - Ac 2:42

b. Do good to all men, but especially to those of the household of faith - Ga 6:10

10. given to hospitality. - vs 13b

a. lit - pursuing the love of neighbors - not just believers, but non-believers also

b. required of elders - Tit 1:8

c. to those who cannot repay - Lk 14:12-14

d. w/o complaint - 1 Pe 4:9