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Decisions that Encourage Discipleship

Choosing to intentionally grow into Christlikeness.

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” Hosea 4:6*

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**Unit 101 Choosing to leave the place where Jesus finds me.**

*(Luke 9:23a) “if anyone will come after me…”*

**Unit 102 Choosing to Serve Jesus where He Leads me.**

*(Luke 9:23b) “…let him deny himself…”*

**102-5 Initial Sanctification, Levels of Commitment**

**& The Important “I”**

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Looking Again at the Grace Diagram\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**John 12:42-43 *“Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.”***

\*\*Rulers believed but did not confess because of this world’s rewards

\*\*Rulers were more concerned with temporary approval rather than eternity.

**\*\*\*\*\*FUNCTIONAL TRICHOTOMY\*\*\*\*\***

(Try to print out the picture (002) and have it before you while you read 001)

**I Thessalonians 5:23-24 *“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it.***

**Initial Sanctification**

**I Corinthians 3:1-4 *“And I, brothers and sisters, could not speak to you as spiritual people, but only as fleshly, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to consume it. But even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like ordinary people? For when one person says, ‘I am with Paul,’ and another, ‘I am with Apollos,’ are you not ordinary people?”***

\*\* Called sanctified in Christ Jesus (I Corinthians 3:1)

\*\* Called Holy Ones (I Corinthians 3:1)

\*\* Yet divisions (Chapter 3), immorality (Chapter 5), lawsuits (Chapter 6),

…marriage issues…drunkenness…chaotic worship services, etc…

**I Cor. 16:13 *“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”***

**Levels of Commitment**

**Luke 14:26-27, 33*****"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple...."So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.***

\*\* To ignore this teaching is to disregard the level of commitment God asks.

\*\* To blindly follow this teaching is to disregard the leadership of the Spirit.

\*\* To embrace this teaching causes us to be utterly dependent upon God.

**Mark 10:21-23 *“Looking at him, Jesus showed love to him and said to him, ‘One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’ But he was deeply dismayed by these words, and he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!”***

\*\* We need to recognize that the same commitment is not required of all

**The Important “I”**

**II Corinthians 6:14-7:1 *“Do not be mismatched with unbelievers; for what do righteousness and lawlessness share together, or what does light have in common with darkness? Or what harmony does Christ have with Belial, or what does a believer share with an unbeliever? Or what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, ‘I will dwell among them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,’ says the Lord. ‘And do not touch what is unclean;  
and I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,’ says the Lord Almighty.* *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let’s cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”***

\*\* The Precious Promise—being His child, He as our father.

\*\* The Purity Possible—cleansing ourselves! (John 17:17-19)

**John 17:17-19 *“…Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. Just as You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.***

\*\* The Perfection Process—in the fear (worship/awe) of God.

HAVE YOU INVITED THE SPIRIT OF GOD INTO YOUR LIFE?

**GO FOLLOW JESUS THIS WEEK!!!**