



CALVARY CHAPEL

Keeping Christ in the Center and Avoiding the Traps

Father's Day

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***Psalm 103:13** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,"*

- As Godly fathers we must always extend that same love and compassion to our children.

***Proverbs 22:6** "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

- They'll imitate what they see, so have a lifelong, loving and Biblical influence on them as their father, and on your children's path, giving them a solid foundation.

***Proverbs 4:1-5** 'Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.'*

- While they are in our care, we protect them spirit, soul and body. But the wisdom of God's word from the mouth of their father can be our greatest of legacy.

***1 Corinthians 10:14-15** Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. **15** I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.*

- Making a priority of something other than God, whether it's an object, an idea, or a pursuit, as your source of meaning, value, or happiness is idol worship.

***Hebrews 3:12** See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.*

***1 Corinthians 10:16-22** Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? **17** Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. **18** Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? **19** Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? **20** No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. **21** You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have*

a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. **22** Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

***Psalms 78:57-58** "Like their ancestors they were disloyal and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty bow. They angered him with their high places; they aroused his jealousy with their idols."*

- If we are inconsistent in our fellowship with God we can't expect His blessings.
- **In grey areas consider your "rights" by asking yourself these questions:**
- 1. Will this benefit growing my faith and pleasing God?
- 2. Will giving up my right build up someone or draw them to Christ?
- 3. Will having my way bring glory to God?

***1 Corinthians 10:25-29** Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, **26** for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." [f] **27** If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. **28** But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. **29** I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience?*

- Having Godly wisdom to know when to use your freedom is the maturing process of a Christ follower.
- Going the extra mile for someone else's sake sets you up for your victory lap.

***Romans 14:12-14** So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. **13** Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. **14** I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.*

- Don't trip over a hurdle in your race by causing a brother or sister to stumble

***1 Corinthians 10:30-33** If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? **31** So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. **32** Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God **33** even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.*

***1 Corinthians 8:9-10** But be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. **10** if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols?*

- Have God honoring intentions in all your actions, so you encourage Godly growth in others and

bring God glory. It changes the world nearest to you.

- When you build up people and not tear them down you won't be disqualified in your race, and you will be victorious in Christ having finished well!
- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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