

Text – Isaiah 6:1-7, Exodus 24:1-18, Exodus 40:1-38, 1 Kings 8:1-21, Revelation 19:1-16,

Key Verse - Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Aim – To understand the need for standards and prepare the church for the coming of Christ

What is a standard?

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new _____, which is renewed in knowledge after the _____ of him that created him:

If we are truly born again, we will seek to please God in ____ aspects of our _____.

No amount of _____ should affect a child of the King, for royalty sets the _____ that the world should follow.

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Standards Reflect the Glory of God

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having _____, or _____, or _____ such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Christ wants a bride (church) that is totally unspotted by the _____.

1 Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your _____, and in your _____, which are God's.

We are _____. He created and formed us by his own _____.

We belong to God by _____.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his _____, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Not only are we his workmanship; we have been _____.

The price of our redemption was the _____ of Christ.

Because we were redeemed we are to glorify God in our _____ and in our _____.

We belong to _____.

Standards Represent Holiness Principles

Sin is _____ and the standard is there to remind man that without _____ he cannot measure up to God's _____.

Judgement is also a _____ or a _____ against sin.

Numbers 26:5-10

The laws of holiness are still in effect today because God does not _____.

Malachi 3:1-7

Standards Display the Beauty of Holiness

“Although standards will not produce _____, true holiness will inevitably produce _____.”

Standards that develop out of a _____ filled life will always display the _____ of holiness.

The Truth About Standards

“Our _____, _____ and _____ should not exploit our physical features, but should always display the _____ and _____ of the inner man.”

To God _____ lies in standards which display inner _____.

Standards Maintain Uniformity

Many different vocations or professions have _____ that set them apart from every other profession.

God has set uniform _____ for His people to follow, which clearly speak to the world who we _____ and which enable us to be effective _____.

Uniformity of standards can only be maintained by four principles: 1) following _____, 2) accepting _____, 3) being _____, 4) submitting to _____.

The four principles for maintaining uniformity of standards

1. Following instructions –

God ordained the ministry of _____.

2. Accepting organization –

God is a God of _____.

3. Being disciplined

Discipline is _____, discipline is _____, discipline is _____.

4. Submitting to authority –

Colossians 3:18-22

Hebrews 13:17 _____ them that have the rule over you, and _____ yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that [is] unprofitable for you.

Standards Serve As Our Mark of Distinction

Standards distinguish the _____ from the _____.

The _____ will never lead us to look or act like this ungodly world.

God never in His word suggests to be like the _____ to win the _____.

To identify with _____ we must avoid the things that associate us with this sinful _____.

God's standards require a distinction between _____ and _____.

In dress

In appearance

In spirit

Standards Mark our Course of Direction

The _____ to God is distinctly different than the _____ of the world.

Standards Determine Our Boundary of Security

The _____, as an under-shepherd to Christ, must give an _____ for the security of the souls placed in his charge.

The leadership of the church has the God given responsibility to establish standards that will protect the body (church) against _____ creep, against _____ creep and _____ creep.

The tool that the pastor uses to establish standards is the _____.

We must obey the Biblical standards set up by the leadership of the church, not only to assure our _____ and _____, but to enable the minister to fulfill his _____.

Standards Serve As Our Armor of Defense

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the _____ shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a _____ against him. **Isaiah 59:19**

If we lower our _____ our _____ against the _____ will be weakened, and soon we will lose our identity with _____ and be no different from the _____.

Who Sets Standards?

_____ sets standards by his _____ authority and communicates those standards through His _____.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for _____, for _____, for _____, for _____ in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Everyone will be judged by the _____ according to his _____.

Mark 12:29-30 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy _____, and with all thy _____, and with all thy _____, and with all thy _____: this is the first commandment.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my _____.

The ceremonial law as given to Moses was fulfilled in Christ through his _____, _____ and _____.

The _____ laws, which express the divine nature of God, never change.

The Truth About Standards

God has ordained ministers to teach His Word, to establish and maintain _____ standards in the church.

Where the Bible is silent on a particular matter, we follow the _____ already established.

The _____ will lift up a standard in our lives. **Isaiah 59:19** So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the _____ of the _____ shall lift up a standard against him.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into _____: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Holy Ghost will work through the ministers God has ordained to establish standards in _____ with the _____ of God.

_____, _____ and _____ convictions will dictate certain standards.

IMPORTANT!!!!

These standards must not conflict with the Scripture, for God's Word is the _____
_____. Revelation 20:12-15

Biblical Standards we can Live By

Jeremiah 50:2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, [and] conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

ACTIVITY - Let's list some of our Standards:

_____	_____	_____
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Biblical reason to read and study the Bible

Psalm 119:11 Thy _____ have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

This Book will keep you from _____ and _____ will keep you from this book.

God's word is _____.

The Word of God _____ us for service.

We will be _____ according to the Word of God.

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Biblical reasons to pray

Prayer should become our _____.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Our source for _____ and _____ comes through prayer.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Through _____ and _____ prayer is answered.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1 Timothy 2:1, 8 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men; ... 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Our _____ and our _____ should always be with an attitude of prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Biblical reasons to fast

Fasting is a means of _____ to God.

_____ comes through fasting.

Christ set the example of fasting for the _____.

The early church followed Christ's example of fasting in _____ for _____.

Biblical reasons to faithfully attend church

_____ gathering _____ was the example of the early _____.

Church is where we receive _____ and we bind together with others of like precious _____.

The church helps hold us _____ to obedience.

Biblical Reason to Support God's Financial Plan of Tithes and Offerings for the Ministry of the Church

The practice of _____ was instituted before the _____ was given.

Jacob continued the _____ of tithing.

God continued the _____ of tithing in the _____.

The _____ stated that anything that is _____ is to be tithed.

The _____ was to provide for the tribe of Levi for their _____.

We are not to _____ the paying of tithes.

We will be _____ when we _____ our tithes to God.

We will be _____ when we _____ give our tithes to God.

Biblical reasons to worship God

God is _____ of our worship.

God _____ that we should worship no other god beside him.

God is our _____, therefore we are to worship no other being.

We are to praise God _____.

God will be praised, whether _____ worship him or not.

Lift Up A Standard

Author: Unknown

Lift up a standard and tell my people
That holiness is still in style
Lift up a standard to those around you
and tell them to be faithful just a while
We'll testify and sing God's praises
For His power is just the same
Lift up a standard and shout it
Go tell the world about it
That Jesus is coming again

Called unto Holiness

Lelia N. Morris, 1900

1. "Called unto holiness," church of our God,
Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;
Called from the world and its idols to flee,
Called from the bondage of sin to be free.
 - *Refrain:*
"Holiness unto the Lord" is our watchword and song,
"Holiness unto the Lord" as we're marching along;
Sing it, shout it, loud and long,
"Holiness unto the Lord," now and forever.
2. "Called unto holiness," children of light,
Walking with Jesus in garments of white;
Raiment unsullied, nor tarnished with sin;
God's Holy Spirit abiding within.
3. "Called unto holiness," praise His dear Name!
This blessed secret to faith now made plain:
Not our own righteousness, but Christ within,
Living, and reigning, and saving from sin.
4. "Called unto holiness," glorious thought!
Up from the wilderness wanderings brought,
Out from the shadows and darkness of night,
Into the Canaan of perfect delight.
5. "Called unto holiness," bride of the Lamb,
Waiting the Bridegroom's returning again!
Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near
When in His beauty the King shall appear.

Highway to Heaven (Lyrics) Arr. by Bill Gaither and Geron Davis

It's a highway to Heaven, none can walk up there but the pure in heart. It's a highway to Heaven, walkin' up the King's highway.

If you're not walkin' start while I'm talkin', walkin' up the King's highway. Christ walks beside you, angels will guide you when you're walkin' up the King's highway.

And it's a highway to Heaven, none can walk up there but the pure in heart. It's a highway to Heaven, walkin' up the King's highway.

My way gets brighter, my load gets lighter walkin' up the King's highway. And you'll be confessing that there is a blessing when you're walkin' up the King's highway.

It's a highway to Heaven, none can walk up there but the pure in heart. It's a highway to Heaven, walkin' up the King's highway.

It's a highway, it's a highway, it's a highway up to Heaven, None can walk up there but the pure in heart. It's a highway, it's a highway, It's a highway up to Heaven.

I'm walkin' up the King's, walkin' up the King's highway!

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