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Session 1

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Saturday, October 7 | 8:30 AM | Hagee Dining Hall

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30 AM	Devotion	Janet Otey
8:45 AM	Personal Financial Integrity	Rodney Vickers
9:30 AM	As One Who Serves – Part 1	Chad Dunford
10:15 AM	As One Who Serves – Part 2	Chad Dunford
11:00 AM	The Church of God & Me	Rodney Vickers
11:45 AM	Lunch	
1:15 PM	Sermon Preparation	Cliff West
2:15 PM	Preaching / Altar Call	Cliff West
3:00 PM	Closing & Prayer	Travis Gore

Upcoming MIP Dates

- ◆ November 4, 2023
- ◆ December 2, 2023
- ◆ January 6, 2024
- ◆ February 17, 2024 Prayer Conference – River Oak Church of God
- ◆ March 9, 2024
- ◆ April 6, 2024
- ◆ May 4, 2024

- ◆ May 17-18, 2024 Commissioning Celebration – Cleveland, TN

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***Personal
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PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

Objective:

To define and discuss personal financial integrity for ministers and its significance in the fulfillment of our ministerial call.

Last Thing First

- We have to be _____.
- We have to be _____ toward people.

People Business: As pastors we serve in the dual role of the priesthood. We represent the people to God, but we also represent God to the people.

- If we lack _____ we won't be able to minister to anyone.

People have to trust us if we are going to represent God to the people.

- For the minister, personal financial integrity is all about maintaining and protecting one's credibility as a church leader and as a representative for God Himself.
- "greedy for money" 1 Timothy 3:3,8
- "good testimony among those who are outside (bishops)" and a "good standing in the faith." 1 Timothy 3:7, 13
- Past _____ breed present _____ placing a premium on _____.

Personal Financial Integrity Defined

- Righteous congruence and connection between what we know, who we are, and what we do.

James 4:17 "For to him who knows to do good and doesn't do it, it is a sin."

- Personal Financial Integrity is defined as a congruence between what we know and believe that scripture says about money and our stewardship of it, and the faithful practice of that knowledge in our everyday lives.
- "Putting your money where your mouth is."

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Personal Financial Integrity for the Minister is a Spiritual Issue and a Management Issue:

- Personal Financial Integrity is both a _____ and a _____ issue, and one does not negate the other.
- For the Christ-follower, money is a tool to be used within the context of the Kingdom in an effort to accomplish Kingdom-purposes.

A Theology of Money:

- 1 Timothy 6:10 – “For the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil.”
- We all have 3 basic needs that serve as the motivating drives in our lives.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- A carnal view of money creates the illusion that all three of these needs can be met through the acquisition of money and what it can buy for us.
- Any minister who has had a problem and has made improper decisions with Church money started with an improper view of money and its power to satisfy their needs of Security, Significance, and Self-worth.
- Money is a resource that must be managed, or it will manage you.
- _____ is a must for every believer but is even more essential for the minister who wants to maintain their credibility to lead.
- The tithe belongs to the Lord. (Lev. 27:30)

Biblical Financial Principles:

1. _____ (Matthew 6:2)
2. _____ (Matthew 6:25)

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3. Sell all you have and give to the poor. (Matthew 19:21)
4. _____ (Matthew 6:24)
5. When you love money, there's never enough. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)
6. God is our _____ (Deuteronomy 8:18)
7. Everything is Gods (Psalm 24:1-2)
8. _____ (James 5:4-6)
9. Watch your credit load (Proverbs 14:23)
10. _____ (Proverbs 21:5)

Jesus said that the wise man builds his house upon the rock.

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***As One Who
Serves - Part 1***

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AS ONE WHO SERVES

(Luke 22:27) For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Who is a Servant?

- ✓ Doulos: Bondservant.

Principle: Lifetime _____.

(Mark 9:35) And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

- ✓ Diakonos: Deacon/Deaconess.

Principle: _____.

(Matthew 20:26-28) Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- ✓ Huperetes: Under Rower.

Principle: _____.

(Acts 26:16) Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.

"Ministry takes place when _____ meet human _____ through loving _____ to the _____."

– Warren Wiersbe

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVANT

- 1. Servants have personally experienced _____.

(Matthew 14:15–21) As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.





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2. Servants see _____ through the lens of compassion.

(Philippians 2:3–4) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

3. Servants are _____, not self-centered reservoirs.

(John 4:34) My food, said Jesus, is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

4. Servants only serve to _____.

(Luke 10:25–37) On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE GLORIFYING GOD?

1. _____.

(John 15:8 MSG) I am the Vine; you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

2. _____.

(1 Corinthians 16:8-9) I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

3. _____.

(Matthew 15:29-31 MSG) After Jesus returned, he walked along Lake Galilee and then climbed a mountain and took his place, ready to receive visitors. They came, tons of them, bringing along the paraplegic, the blind, the maimed, the mute—all sorts of people in need—and more or less threw them down at Jesus’ feet to see what he would do with them. He healed them. When the people saw the mutes speaking, the maimed healthy, the paraplegics walking around, the blind looking around, they were astonished and let everyone know that God was blazingly alive among them.

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***As One Who
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***The Church of
God and Me***

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MAINTAINING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY DENOMINATION

- Introduce yourself personally to state leadership and offer your assistance to advance the state program.
- Don't fall into the us vs. them mentality.
- Manage expectations of state and international leadership.
- Guard your heart concerning denominational expectations.
- Choose mentors wisely.
- Choose friends wisely. (Bad company corrupts good character)
- Submit to the authority of the church.
- Be a good soldier. Churchman.
- Report.
- Make sure your church reports and pay tithe of tithe.
- Honor leadership.

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- Attend state and international meetings when possible.
- Make a trip to Roanoke/Cleveland.
- Learn the history of the Church of God.
- Believe and preach our doctrine.
- Understand and support governmental structure.
- Discover the church culture in your state and be part of it.
- Love it.
- Be part of the solution and not just the one gifted in calling out the problem.
- Fly the flag.
- Be Church of God.
- Work youth camp.
- Volunteer to serve at state and international meetings/functions



KEY ITEMS TO REMEMBER

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*Sermon
Preparation*

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SERMON PREPARATION

Three Types of Sermons

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Notes

Parts of a Sermon

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____

Notes





Text - Use only what is necessary.

Introduction – You have lots of options.

Proposition – The whole sermon in a simple sentence.

Transition – The key transitional word connects the introduction to the main points of the sermon.

Main Points – The Main Points should connect directly to the transitional statement.

Three Elements in each Main Point:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Conclusion – This is the time to reinforce what has been said, not the time to introduce new material.





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*Preaching /
Altar Call*

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THE ALTAR SERVICE

The Importance of Altar Service

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

Before the Altar Call

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

During the Altar Call

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

After the Altar Call

- 1. _____

- 2. _____





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