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         3. A Perfect Heart

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2Cor. 13:11 ¶ Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

1John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

1. Public Life
   1. David revealed his heart
      1. 6b “he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me”

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**A Godly Stand**

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“Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land” I keep company with faithful people, Psalm 101:6

“He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. I only allow honest people to be at my house, Psalm 101:7 I start each day by ridding the town of evildoers, Psalm 101:8

This psalm is a carefully balanced Psalm of decision. Not only is there carefully formed positive decisions, they are balanced equally with the negative decisions that enable the positive decisions to be done.

As with everything in life, making a choice involves two things. It is the rejecting of one thing to do another.

The fairness doctrine of the news agencies imposed by the government states equal time and space. This is a socialistic and humanistic philosophy it has never worked for good, and never will.

There is what is right and what is perceived as right.

To know what is right one has to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. An unsaved person cannot present truth, or what is right, because they are spiritually blind and do not know truth. In fact, they run from truth and avoid what is right, good and wholesome.

God defines what is truth and lies, good and evil, right and wrong, helpful and harmful.

So to make a decision requires two things:

First a faithful obedience to what we need to do. Secondly, rejection of those things that would hinder us spiritually.

# I will sing of God's mercy and judgment

Psalm 101:1 I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

Singing that utilizes the whole human body.

The book of Psalms is the great hymn book of the Bible.

In this Psalm, David made a vow, this vow is passed to us in the Word of God, so we also will make it. The vow is to sing of the mercy and judgment of God.

Good music unites ideas that taken by themselves, apart from one another, seem to conflict. But when we sing of God, we cannot sing only of His mercy or of His judgment, we must sing of both, because they are so related they cannot be separated. Taking one without the other is a distorted view of God.

1. Singing glorifies God.
2. We turn our focus from ourselves and things that are temporary, to the eternal.
3. We give a message to our fellowman of what will change their lives forever, should they choose to follow God as well.
4. We instruct and challenge our children to follow us in the path of righteousness.

There are many ways to witness. The most effective way to witness is not through plays, drama, storytelling, lectures, or any other form that is used. God's Word tells us how to witness, and it is through singing praises to God and Preaching Christ.

Singing attracts others to listen to the words, with a spiritual mindset and enables the Holy Spirit of God to do a work in the listener’s heart.

Society governs itself with what it calls music.

The world is proud to publicly force their ideas of evil sounds upon everyone else, and the child of God goes about hiding the true form of music under a bushel!

Christian’s should be known by their worship. Sacred music is honoring to God and has a powerful message to the singer and listener.

Singing about God can get monotonous very quickly, if one does not have an ever increasing love. Our daily devotional time should be spent in learning the Word of God and in worship, singing Psalms.

But how do we learn of God’s mercy and justice? Is it by hearing and understanding the Word of God or going through those dark times….

Job 35:10 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

# I determine to behave myself wisely in a perfect way

Psalm 101:2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

If you are able to sing what you call sacred music, and do things that are not righteous and good before God, then you should question the music that you are using. Part of the blessings of using truly sacred music, is that it will govern our thoughts and keep us from sin. Holy music encourages a wise and perfect walk with God. It inspires the singer to increase their efforts to learn to walk blameless before God in everything that they do.

For example, consider these hymns and the message imparted:

Can we speak cold, mean spirited things to someone else while singing:   
“What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer.  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.”?

Can we sit around wasting time and being bitter while singing:   
“Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves”  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
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Can we sit in a corner, hiding while singing:  
“Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.   
Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God”?

Can we lay around letting guilt and sin capture us while singing:  
“I heard an old, old story,  
How a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory.   
O victory in Jesus,  
My Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory,  
Beneath the cleansing flood”?

Can we skip saying Grace for our meals, or daily prayers while singing:   
“Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father’s throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare,  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!”?

Can we sleep in late and ignore God while singing:  
“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity”?

**B**efore we can worship God correctly through the great hymns and spiritual songs, we must commit ourselves to learning to be holy in all things. Only then will the songs and actions complement each other and spiritual developments occur, and our witness will truly begin.

# I refuse to view immorality

Psalm 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

There are times in our lives when our singing immediately stops. These are times when we are beholding things that are evil, and not right, or when things suddenly surprise us. If we are going to be able to sing, and sing continuously, we must learn to avoid looking upon those things that are evil. We must avoid spending time with those people who fall away from doing what is right and influence us to do wrong.

# I block polluted thinking

Psalm 101:4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Singing of God's mercy and judgment is an incredible way to clear the mind of those pestering worries, those evil thoughts, and those impure habits. Singing holy songs lifts not only the heart and soul to God, but it closes the opportunity for what is evil to permeate and overtake us.

This kind of singing will automatically filter away worthless friends. It is amazing how many people hate holy music, and will do everything they can to avoid it.

Our singing not only testifies of whom we serve, but it also can quickly save and shield us from those that we may have fallen as prey. Those who were sold out to wickedness cannot tolerate right, nor can they stand to be near someone who does what is holy.

singing the songs of God can form a protective shield about you from which a great deal of harm can be repulsed before it can come near.

# I end the friendship of slanderers

Psalm 101:5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

As we go about singing praises to God, there is another incredible advantage, but it takes a commitment from us first so that it will not interrupt our singing. There is a great deal of slander that goes on in society. The slander keeps us from praising God and honoring Him as we should. To listen to it, we must stop singing. To share it we must stop singing. The problem is when we cannot praise God with our lips, we are bringing shame to God and sin into our own lives.

Something should be said about slander. There is a factual recounting of events that is very right and proper to do. We are obligated to warn others of dangers that lurk. However, there is a fine line between warning people all the time, from a heart of superiority, and a humble warning to actually save a person from harm. Slander is the speaking of lies about another person in a hushed and hurtful way.

A second thing that singing does is prohibit pride. Singing humbly before God does not leave room for vain glory. It is a very humbling thing to go about declaring who you are and whom you serve. It also has no time or place for responding to the proud look or the evil glance.

# I keep company with faithful people Ps. 101:6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

Singing praises to God is an incredible way for us to find others who are saved and set apart to God. As people here singing praises to God, they recognize the tunes and hear the words, and it cannot help but bring them together in fellowship, if they are spiritually awake. It enables us to be able to keep an eye out for those who are also devout servants of God and to be able to help encourage them in their walk along the way.

Philippians 2:4-7 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

“He shall serve me”

These are spiritual words of ministry. It has to do with the spiritual work.

David committed himself to watching through worship for people that were faithful to God so that he could minister to God with them.

# I only allow honest people to be at my house Ps. 101:7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

If we are going to sing praises to God and use our lips in holy service, we cannot allow those who lie and deceive. We cannot do business with those who are not honest.

# I start each day by ridding the town of evildoers Ps. 101:8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

Singing to God means that we are entering the fight of faith through the power of God.

Part of the job of the Christian is doing their part to stop the flow of evil in society. Those who do not have faith in God do not have an understanding of what is right and wrong. It is only a Christian who can understand why it is important to see that evil men and criminals be appropriately dealt with.

Again since we are singing of God's mercy and justice, this will require laws that will be executed in society where Christians are doing their job. There will be other laws that are rejected because Christians are doing their job.

Jude 22-23. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

If people are not getting saved and turning to God with their whole heart, then the question is, are we are using our talents that God has given us to their full ability?

One of our talents is just singing spiritual songs as we go about our duties each day.

## Walking with God

Enoch’s walk with God enabled him to go to heaven early.

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Noah’s walk with God resulted in great things

Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Walking in God’s ways brings physical blessings

Deuteronomy 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Blessedness comes from avoiding ungodly counsel in our walk

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Protection comes to those who walk uprightly

Proverbs 2:7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Following Jesus Christ means not walking in darkness

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

No condemnation comes to those who walk after the Spirit

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Walking is to be done honestly and as if openly

Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Walking is to be by faith

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Walking is to be self-sacrificing

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

A worthy walk is a fruitful and growing walk

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Christians have to learn to walk in Christ Jesus

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Walking in the light brings fellowship and cleansing

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Love is demonstrated by walking according to the Commandments

2 John 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

A pure walk here means a walk in white in Heaven

Revelation 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

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# I will walk within my house with a perfect heart, Psalm 101:2

This is the hardest place to walk in perfectly. It seems easier to walk perfectly among strangers than in one’s own house. But you may rest assured that a man is really no better than he is to his own. You must not gauge your worth by what the outside world thinks and says, but by the estimate of those that see you in the ordinary dealkings of the home.

To die once is easy; to live always with an undivided heart, this is hard.

Understand that in the home-life God is educating and training you for the greatest victories. There you are learning the deepest lessons in sanctification. You need not run to conventions, sermons, and holiness meetings; if you would resolve to walk in your house with a perfect heart, you would discover how far from perfect you are, and how you are the least of his saints. Seek the perfect heart in your home-life; for then God will come unto you, and dwell beneath your roof.

### Monday, Psalm 101:1 and Ezekiel 3:1-5

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

Before we can open our mouth in singing to God, we must fill ourselves with the Word of God. God's Word must totally permeate our lives and completely fill our thoughts and actions. Afterwards this filling of God's Word, will enable us to see God's mercy and His judgment. The purpose of singing and praise is to glorify God. As we go about our tasks glorifying God, we also spread a message to our fellowman. One of the hardest places to honor God is among our friends and relatives. But if we cannot honor God in praising Him at home, how can we minister to those we do not know?

### Tuesday, Psalm 101:2-3 and Ezekiel 3:6-9

In order to praise God, we must first learn to behave properly. When we are among those that know us, they are often quick to remind us of our humanity and of the ways we do not fit their ideas of social norms. But when we step out and are determined to live a holy life with the help of God, with His Words filling us, He enlightens us and empowers us to resist the fiery darts of the wicked. Only when our heart is in tune with God, and we hate the things that God hates, are we truly able to praise Him in an effective manner.

### Wednesday, Psalm 101:4 and Ezekiel 3:10-14

God gives us His Word each day, if we will accept it. When we do accept His Word, we are expected to use it to speak His Words to those around us. The problem is if we look upon our so-called friends, we will not share with them the Word of God. Looking at them drives godliness from our hearts. The only way to honor God with our lips is to not set them before us, but keep God ever before us, and to have Him permeate our thoughts and deeds. We must see and hear our Savior instead of them. Our flesh and soul may feel like Ezekiel’s, and respond bitterly, wishing someone else had the task, but that is often the first step in the first test of obedience. Will we obey, even though we do not want to?

Lu 9:44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

1Ti 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

### Thursday, Psalm 101:5-6 and Ezekiel 3:15-18

Before we can effectively witness to others and truly praise God, we must take the next step of learning to notice those who are faithful and true to God. We have a responsibility to warn those who are not. It is not God’s will that we condone the evil in those about us, by keeping silent, and avoiding any repercussions that may come from speaking out. If we do not speak out, we are held liable before God for the punishment that will come upon the wicked.

### Friday, Psalm 101:7 and Ezekiel 3:19-23

Part of warning the wicked is letting them know why we cannot have fellowship with them, and host them in our own house. It also involves encouraging those who are doing the right thing, to remain faithful and not heap upon themselves judgment by returning to sin. Not only is that righteous person blessed, having a friend who loves God enough to warn him, and encourage him to continue in the way of righteousness, but we enjoy the blessing from God for having done the right thing. How is our influence in the world? Is it for righteousness?

### Saturday, Psalm 101:8 and Ezekiel 3:24-27

There is one important thing that we cannot forget. When we are ready to take on the armor of God and stand up against the evil of society, we will bear the consequences of such a battle. Society will do everything in their power to stop us and force us into quietness. They will try to make us weak and unable to fight. However, when God has something for us to say or do, He will empower and enable us.

He asks that we commit ourselves to standing for righteousness and make ourselves willing servants to be His spokesman whenever He asks us to speak. That is the blessedness of humility in walking with God.

One Man in two Characters

Character of a Saint (full of good resolutions)

Character of a King (full of Good observations)

Good --- looking to Perfection and correction

Evil --- looking away from perfection even correction

Mercy – God’s loving kindness

Judgment – God’s Righteousness, law, wrath, chastening

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me (left and right hand under me)

ROD – judgment, correction, chastening,

STAFF – support, help, strength

Don’t slander the neighbor

Don’t slander the one you’re trying to help or the one trying to help you.

Don’t choose for a companion a heathen

Associates matter

1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Fellowship

Ministry

This is a Song of Mercy and Judgment

1Pe 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

* Reflecting the mind of Christ
  + A mind of Joy

Jer 33:11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

Ps 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Isa 66:10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

Zep 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Zec 8:19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace. Ga 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Php 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Phm 1:7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

* + A mind of Peace

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isa 59:8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Zec 8:16 These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

Is He a Christian?

I don’t know I haven’t seen him at home yet.