

Living on Mission- Part 7: Holy Habits

Question: What is a bad habit you have or no longer want to have?

What if you could have habits that transform your everyday life?

What if the link between inner faith/relationship to God (or lack thereof) and our outward action are far greater than we want to admit!

Jesus and His Followers (Disciples) saw a powerful integration of FAITH AND ACTION- so much so that they found it IMPOSSIBLE to separate them. To the extent that separating a person from his or her actions can be very dangerous

JAMES 2:14- 18 (Unpack verse by verse)- James, Brother of Jesus!

- Genuine Faith is the Reality in which one stake's one's life
- Faith & Works should Complement each other. You are not saved thru good works, and A Saving Faith will Produce Good Works (Living on Mission)
- HOLY HABITS are a clear Expression of God's Kingdom & Power breaking thru!
- Our Faith is empty and inauthentic if we do not put our words into Practice
- Fine sounding words or nice thoughts will not FEED People (James Example) Takes Action
- James offers a Challenge: "Show me your faith without deeds!?!"

WHAT MIGHT SURPRISE OUR FRIENDS AND THE PEOPLE AROUND US IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY WOULD QUESTION OUR MOTIVATIONS AND SEEK TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT JESUS?

MISSIONAL HABITS: A way of practice, of doing that SHAPE HOW WE LIVE. BEING MISSIONAL! (NOT JUST FOR MISSIONARIES- FOR ALL OF US) WE ALERT OTHERS TO THE KINGDOM (Reign of God)

MATT 28:18-20: Disciples invited to DO SOMETHING not Just Believe (ORTHOPRAXY!)

This call by Jesus is not quantified by stage or season of life- FOR ALL OF US, EVERY AGE, EVERY STAGE of a Christ Follower

Mission is not focused on church growth (although that happens)

It is focused on the reign & rule of God in our DAILY lives! SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM

MATT 6:9-10-God's Kingdom is already IN Jesus & wherever His Followers are, yet we pray & act for The Kingdom to come (The Here & The Not Yet)

LIVE WITH INTENTIONALITY

If our only habits are only INWARD focused such as going to church gatherings, how are we going to connect with pre-believers? OR waiting for church to offer initiatives, programs, or events?

What about creating habits that could combine connecting us together with other believer's while also propelling us into the lives of others?

What if your habits created Curiosity in those around you?

Over the coming weeks we will learn the HOLY HABITS of

BLESSING others (Generosity)

EATING with others (Hospitality)

LISTENING to Holy Spirit (God's guidance)

LEARNING to be Christ-Like (Incarnational)

SENT to those around us (Missional)

If we practice these habits, these values will happen naturally

Holliness requires work. Both preparation and Action in Order to Imitate God's very Character the World Around us (LIVE ON MISSION)

1 PETER 1: 13-16

Questions to Ask Yourself & THE LORD?

-Are there any habits in your life that do not reflect God and are hindering a Life of Freedom?

-What habits can you develop that are related to your Faith?

-To what extent can these habits become so familiar that they are now your Lifestyle?

- How do these habits move you Upward, Inward & Outward with God?