



firstbaptistchurch
Making a Difference

Sunday, February 14, 2010

1. Think too **HIGHLY** of yourself. (v.13)
Romans 12:1-3

2. Think you can **HELP** God. (v.15)
Example: Giving.

God is not interested in any offering that comes at the **COST** of **DISOBEYING** Him.

B. **PARTIAL** obedience = **DIS**obedience

Some serious comparisons... (v.23)
Witchcraft (Deuteronomy 18:9-12)
Idolatry (Galatians 5:19-21)

III. The path to future **USEABILITY** (vv.24-30)

A. The wrong way (vv.24-30)

B. The right way (vv. 32-33)

The Test = will you "utterly destroy" the control of your flesh in your life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Valdez - Visiting Missionary

Sunday, February 21 - 10:00am

Next week, Mike Valdez, our missionary to Cambodia, will be with us. We will be receiving a special offering, please come prepared to give above your normal offering to support Mike's ministry. Please write on your envelope *Cambodia* with the proper amount to be sure your offering is designated to the correct fund.

Ladies Social - "Lets Get Comfortable!"

Sunday, February 21 - 3:00pm

Ladies of FBC, plan on a fun and informative afternoon as the 50's LifeGroup hosts the ladies social, "Let's Get Comfortable!" The cost is \$4.00 and you can sign-up in the lobby. And don't forget to wear your favorite pair of cozy slippers.

Spaghetti Lunch - Youth Mexico Trip Fundraiser:

Sunday, February 28 - After Sunday Morning Service

Help support the students in the 180 Youth Ministry make it to Mexico. Plan on eating at the Spaghetti Lunch they're hosting February 28th after the Sunday Morning Service in the gym. Suggested donation - \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids over 4 years old.

GUESTS:

If you are a guest with us today, we're glad you chose to worship with us. We'd like to welcome you to just enjoy your experience at FBC and feel no obligation to give when our offering is received.

CONNECTION CARD:

If you are new to FBC, we'd love to hear what you thought about your experience today and pray for any requests you might have. Please take the time to fill out a connection card. You can place it in the offering plate; as it passes or on your way out of the Worship Center.

CHILDREN:

If you have a child in 5th grade or below, please take advantage of the childcare available. We have a great facility filled with volunteers ready to give your child the attention he or she needs; this will allow both you and your child to get the most out of your experience at FBC.

GROUPS:

How do people connect and develop friendships in a church our size? Where do you go to meet others who can help you take the next step in your relationship with Christ? Whether you've been coming to FBC for two weeks or ten years there is a group that's right for you! Check out our "groups" page at www.FBCLinked.org for more information.

ONLINE:

If you would like to stay updated with the church, we have several opportunities for you to get connected online:

- Visit our website at www.fbclinked.org.
- Sign-up for our e-newsletter on our website.
- Become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fbclinked.
- Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/fbclinked.

USEABLE**Obedience: Finish What You Start**

1 Samuel 15

Jeff Bartell

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I. The TEST of a difficult command. (vv.1-7)

It is **DIFFICULT**: "utterly destroy Amalek"

Exodus 22:20

Deuteronomy 7:1-4

Exodus 17:14-16

It's a **TEST**: "It's just another opportunity to trust the Lord!"

Example: Abraham (Genesis 22)

The Application: Amalek pictures our **FLESH**.

The flesh is of no **USE** to God.

Philippians 3:3

Romans 8:8

Romans 7:24-25

II. The COMPROMISE of PARTIAL OBEDIENCE (vv.8-23)**A. The compromise (v.9)**

Isaiah 64:6

Psalms 53:2-3

Mark 10:18

Our "useability" has nothing to do with our **ABILITY**, it has to do with our **TOTAL SURRENDER**.