

Living in the Last Days

Spring 2024 Life Group

Week 8: Walking with the Family of God Part 2

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1. Demonstrate Christian character
 - a. Unconditional Christian love
 - i. Unconditional love (Romans 12:9-10)
 - ii. Owe no one anything except love (Romans 13:8-10)
 - iii. Walk in love (Ephesians 5:2)
 - iv. Put on love (Colossians 3:14)
 - v. Let your unconditional love go against the grain of societal norms (Philemon)
 - vi. Let brotherly love continue (Hebrews 13:1), Love one another earnestly from a pure heart (1 Peter 1:22)
 - vii. Love the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17)
 - b. Peace
 - i. Live in harmony and peace with others (Romans 12:16, 18), pursue peace (Romans 14:19), Live in peace and agree with one another (2 Corinthians 13:11)
 - ii. Do not be anxious about anything but pray about them (Philippians 4:6-7)
 - iii. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart (Colossians 3:15)
 - iv. Be at peace among yourselves (1 Thessalonians 5:13), Strive for peace and holiness (Hebrews 12:14)
 - c. Humility
 - i. Do not be prideful, associate with the lowly (Romans 12:16)
 - ii. Do not be wise in your sight (Romans 12:16)
 - iii. Boast only in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:32), Boast only in Christ (Galatians 6:14), Do not boast or be false to the truth (James 3:14)
 - iv. Share all good things with your teacher (Galatians 6:6)
 - v. Do not act out of selfish ambition or conceit (Philippians 2:3)
 - vi. Humbly consider others more highly than yourself (Philippians 2:3-4)
 - vii. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12)
 - viii. Do everything without grumbling and complaining (Philippians 2:14)
 - ix. Put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (Colossians 3:12)
 - x. Avoid people who are lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
 - xi. Show you works with meekness (James 3:13)
 - xii. Humble yourself before the Lord (James 4:10)
 - xiii. Honor everyone (1 Peter 2:17)
 - xiv. Honor Christ as holy in your heart (1 Peter 3:15)
 - xv. Clothe yourself with humility (1 Peter 5:5), humble yourself (1 Peter 5:6)
 - d. Vengeance
 - i. Do not avenge yourself (Romans 12:19)
 - ii. Do not repay for evil, be honorable (Romans 12:17), do not be overcome by evil (Romans 12:21), Don't repay evil for evil (1 Thessalonians 5:15), Do not pay evil for evil or reviling for reviling (1 Peter 3:8)
 - iii. Be angry and do not sin or let the sun go down on your anger (Ephesians 4:26)
 - iv. Put away bitterness, rage, and anger (Ephesians 4:32)

- e. Giving and Service
 - i. Be a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)
 - ii. Serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13)
 - iii. Do not steal but work hard (Ephesians 4:28)
 - iv. Walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-9)
- f. Doing good
 - i. Do not grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9-10), Do not grow weary in doing good (2 Thessalonians 3:13), Seek to do good (1 Thessalonians 5:15), Do not neglect to do good (Hebrews 13:16)
 - ii. Make the most of every opportunity (Ephesians 5:16)
 - iii. Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:17)
 - iv. Admonish the idle (1 Thessalonians 5:14), Keep away from idle Christians (2 Thessalonians 3:6)
 - v. Help the weak (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
 - vi. Provide for your family as an example of your faith (1 Timothy 5:8)
 - vii. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11)
 - viii. Be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist and fulfill your ministry (2 Timothy 4:5)
 - ix. Show hospitality to strangers (Hebrews 13:2)
 - x. Remember those who are in prison (Hebrews 13:3)
- g. Speech
 - i. Speak the truth with your neighbor (Ephesians 4:25)
 - ii. Do not speak with corrupting talk (Ephesians 4:29)
 - iii. No filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking (Ephesians 5:14)
 - iv. Do not lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)
 - v. Let the word of Christ dwell in you (Colossians 3:16)
 - vi. Season your speech with Grace (Colossians 4:6)
 - vii. Avoid irreverent babble (gossip) and contradictions of “knowledge” (1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:16)
 - viii. Be quick to hear (James 1:19)
 - ix. Do not desire to become a teacher (James 3:1)
 - x. Do not speak evil against one another (James 4:11)
 - xi. Do not grumble against one another (James 5:9)
 - xii. Do not swear (an oath) (James 5:12)
- h. Prayer
 - i. Continue steadfastly in prayer (Colossians 4:2)
 - ii. Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- i. Forgiveness
 - i. Be kind to one another and forgiving (Ephesians 4:33)
 - ii. Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- j. Thanksgiving
 - i. Be thankful (Colossians 3:15)
 - ii. Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- k. Spiritual warfare
 - i. Be strong in the Lord and put on the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)
 - ii. Stand firm in the Lord (Philippians 4:1), Stand firm (2 Thessalonians 2:15), Stand firm in God’s grace (1 Peter 5:12)
 - iii. Be strengthened in the grace in Christ (2 Timothy 2:1)
 - iv. Resist the devil (1 Peter 5:9)

1. Suffering and Trials
 - i. Share in the suffering of Christ (2 Timothy 1:8; 2:3), Rejoice in sharing Christ's sufferings (1 Peter 4:13), Do not be ashamed to suffer for Christ and glorify God (1 Peter 4:16)
 - ii. Count trials as joy (James 1:2)
 - iii. Let steadfastness have its full effect (James 1:4)
 - iv. Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5)
 - v. Do not be surprised at fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12)
 - vi. Do not suffer as an evildoer (1 Peter 4:15)
 - vii. Entrust your soul in suffering to God (1 Peter 4:19)
 - viii. Do not fear what you are about to suffer (Revelation 2:10)
2. Deal with sin
 - a. Dead to sin (Romans 12:12-14; Ephesians 2:1-3) slaves to righteousness (Romans 12:15-23)
 - b. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and avoid sinful acts (Romans 13:11-14)
 - c. Flee sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6:18), Do not let sexual immorality, impurity, and covetousness be named among you (Ephesians 5:3), Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness (2 Timothy 2:22)
 - d. Stand firm against slavery to sin (Galatians 5:1)
 - e. Put off the old self, be renewed, put on Christ, and be renewed in your mind (Ephesians 4:22-24), Put to death the earthly thing in you (Colossians 3: 5-8), Put away all filthiness and wickedness (James 1:20)
 - f. Give no opportunity to the devil (Ephesians 4:27)
 - g. Hold fast to what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
 - h. Abstain from every form of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22), Depart from iniquity (2 Timothy 2:19), Do not imitate evil (3 John 11)
 - i. Rebuke Christians who persist in sin (1 Timothy 5:20)
 - j. Do not be hasty in laying on of hands or take part in the sins of others (1 Timothy 5:22)
 - k. Keep yourself pure (1 Timothy 5:22)
 - l. Throw off every hindrance and the sin that so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1-2)
 - m. Do not be weary about discipline (Hebrews 12:4)
 - n. Do not say temptation comes from God (James 1:13)
 - o. Repent and do the words you did at first (Revelation 2:5), Repent (Revelation 2:16), Be zealous and repent (Revelation 3:19)
 - p. Wake up and strengthen what remains (Revelation 3:2)
3. Godliness/Holiness
 - a. Living sacrifices to God (Romans 12:1-2) Serve the Lord with zeal and fervency (Romans 12:11)
 - b. Walk in a manner worthy of the One who called you (Ephesians 4:1), Live as a citizen in a manner worthy of the gospel (Philippians 1:27), Walk (live) in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7)
 - c. Imitate God (Ephesians 5:1), Imitate the godly character traits of saints (Philippians 3:17) and practice it (Philippians 4:9), Imitate the faith of your leaders (Hebrews 13:7)
 - d. Press on toward the goal of knowing Christ (Philippians 3:14)
 - e. Train yourself for godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
 - f. Set a godly example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Timothy 4:12)
 - g. Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching (1 Timothy 4:13)
 - h. Do not neglect the gift you have (1 Timothy 4:14)
 - i. Practice and immerse yourself in godly living (1 Timothy 4:15)
 - j. Keep close watch on yourself and godly teaching (1 Timothy 4:16), Present yourself to God as one approved, rightly dividing the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - k. Be a doer of the Word (James 1:21)

- l. Show no partiality and hold fast to the faith (James 2:1)
 - m. Submit yourself to God and resist the devil (James 4:7), Draw near to God, cleanse your hands and purify your heart (James 4:8)
 - n. Be holy in all your conduct (1 Peter 1:15)
 - o. Conduct yourself with fear (reverence) (1 Peter 1:17), Fear God (reverence) (1 Peter 2:17)
 - p. Supplement your faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness godliness, brotherly affection,, and love (2 Peter 1:5-7)
 - q. Confirm your calling and election (2 Peter 1:10)
 - r. Be diligent to be found by Jesus without spot or wrinkle (2 Peter 3:14), Be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:11)
 - s. Abide in Jesus (1 John 2:27, 28), Keep yourself in the love of God (Jude 21)
 - t. Hold fast to what you have until Jesus comes (Revelation 2:25), Hold fast to what you have (Revelation 3:11)
4. Live in the Spirit
- a. Life through the Spirit (Romans 8:9-11)
 - b. Use the gifts of the Spirit (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)
 - c. Walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
 - d. Exhibit the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24)
 - e. Sow to the Spirit (Galatians 6:8)
 - f. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)
 - g. Don't get drunk but be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-20)
 - h. Do not quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
 - i. Do not despise prophecies (1 Thessalonians 5:20)
 - j. Hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)
5. Dealing with outsiders
- a. Take care of your enemy (Romans 12:20)
 - b. Bless your persecutors (Romans 12:14) , Do not fear those who persecute you (1 Peter 3:14)
 - c. Submit to earthly authorities (Romans 13:1-7), Be subject to human institutions (1 Peter 2:13-16), Honor the Emperor (or whatever leader of your country) (1 Peter 2:17)
 - d. Do not be yoked with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14)
 - e. Don't let unbelievers deceive you with empty talk and don't be partners with them (Ephesians 5:6), expose fruitless the darkness (Ephesians 5:11)
 - f. Don't let anyone disqualify you by these things (Colossians 2:10)
6. Think like a Christian
- a. Renewing of your mind and (Romans 12:2)
 - b. Try to discern what pleases the Lord (Ephesians 5:10)
 - c. Walk in wisdom (Ephesians 5:15), do not be foolish and understand the Lord's will (Ephesians 5:17)
 - d. Have the same mind, the same love, being of one mind (Philippians 2:2), Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind (1 Peter 3:7)
 - e. Be reasonable (Philippians 4:5)
 - f. Think on good and godly things (Philippians 4:8), Seek and set your mind on things that are above (Colossians 3:1-2)
 - g. Think over the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:7)
 - h. Arm yourself with the thinking of Christ (1 Peter 4:1)
 - i. Be self-controlled and sober minded (1 Peter 4:7), Be sober-minded and watchful (1 Peter 5:8)
 - j. Do not overlook God's timing (2 Peter 3:8), Count God's patience as salvation (2 Peter 3:15)
 - k. Do not be surprised that the world hates you (1 John 3:13)
7. Stand against false teachers and false teaching
- a. Purge the evil person from among you (1 Corinthians 5:13)

- b. Do not become captive to empty philosophies (Colossians 2:8)
 - c. Test everything (1 Thessalonians 5:21), Don't believe every spirit but test the spirits (1 John 4:1)
 - d. Hold fast the (Christian) traditions you were taught (2 Thessalonians 2:15)
 - e. Warn any Christian who is not obeying Scripture (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15)
 - f. Have nothing to do with myths (1 Timothy 4:7), Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies (2 Timothy 2:23), Avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and morals about the law (Titus 3:9)
 - g. Command and teach the pure doctrine of Scripture (1 Timothy: 4 11)
 - h. Fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12)
 - i. Guard the deposit entrusted to you of good teaching and godly living (1 Timothy 6:20), Guard the good deposit entrusted to you (2 Timothy 1:14)
 - j. Follow the pattern of sound doctrine and teaching (2 Timothy 1:13), Remind one another of Christian doctrine and Scripture (2 Timothy 2:14), Continue in what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), Declare sound Christian doctrine, exhort one another, and rebuke when necessary (Titus 2:15), Teach what accords with sound doctrine (Titus 2:1), Remember what you received and heard (Revelation 3:2), Keep what you have received and heard and repent (Revelation 3:3)
 - k. Preach the Word, be ready in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort with complete patience and teaching (2 Timothy 4:2), Long for the pure spiritual milk of biblical teaching (1 Peter 2:2), Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you (1 John 2:24), Remember what the apostles said about people who scoff at the teaching of the coming of our Lord (Jude 17)
 - l. Warn a person causing division once or twice and then have nothing to do with him (Titus 3:10), Do not receive or greet false teachers (2 John 10)
 - m. Take heart lest there be an unbelieving heart in you (Hebrews 3:12), Take care you're not carried away by error (2 Peter 3:17), Let no one deceive you (1 John 3:7), Watch yourself to not lose what you have gained (2 John 8), Keep yourself from idols (1 John 5:21)
 - n. Do not love the world or the things in the world (1 John 2:15), Hate the works and teachings of false teachers (Revelation 2:7)
 - o. Save others by snatching them out of the fire (Jude 23), Have mercy on those who doubt (Jude 22), Show mercy with fear (Jude 23)
8. Christianity in home life
- a. Husbands love your wives, wives submit to and respect your husbands, 5:22-32), Wives submit to husbands, husbands love wives (Colossians 3:18-19), Wives be subject to your own husbands (1 Peter 3:1), Husbands live with your wives in an understandable way (1 Peter 3:7)
 - b. Children obey and honor parents (Ephesians 6:1), Children obey parents (Colossians 3:20)
 - c. Fathers do not provoke children, bring children up in the ways of the Lord (Ephesians 6:2-4), Fathers do not provoke children (Colossians 3:21)
9. Living in Christian community
- a. Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15), Rejoice (2 Corinthians 13:11), Rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 3:1; 4:4), Rejoice always (1 Thessalonians 5:16)
 - b. **Encouragement** – Build up your neighbor (Romans 15:1), Comfort one another (2 Corinthians 13:11), Encourage one another about the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18) and the Day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:11), Encourage the fainthearted (1 Thessalonians 5:14), Encourage one another (1 Timothy 5:1), Exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13)
 - c. Do not have lawsuits among Christians (1 Corinthians 6:1-8)
 - d. Restore one another (2 Corinthians 13:11), Restore those caught in sin gently (Galatians 6:1-2), Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:3)

- e. **Unity** – Be part of one unified body (1 Corinthians 12:14-26), Maintain unity in the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:2-6, 12-16), Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21), Bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)
- f. **Church Leaders** – Respect church leaders who work among you and esteem them highly in love (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13), Remember your leaders (Hebrews 13:7), Obey your leaders and submit to them (Hebrews 13:17), Be subject to the elders (1 Peter 5:5)
- g. Be patient with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:14), Be patient and establish your heart for the coming of the Lord (James 5:7)
- h. Pray in suffering, in praise when cheerful,, have elders of the church pray for sicknesses (James 5:13-14)
- i. Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another (James 5:16)
- j. Set your hope on the grace of Christ (1 Peter 1:13)
- k. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy (Revelation 22:11)
- l. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price (Revelation 22:17)
