

***THIS IS HOW WE DO IT PT 24***  
*Fall Growth Group Notes Week 4*  
**PASTOR BOB RICE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018**

**Main Text: Ephesians 4:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

<sup>9</sup> *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

<sup>10</sup> *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

<sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

<sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

<sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

<sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;  
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Lesson Notes:** Relationships are everything! Well, Almost everything. Without relationships all that you have is you, and what you can do for yourself.

**Our Relationships:**

- Define us
- Resource us or deplete us
- Elevate us or demote us

**Premise:** our relationships are the sum of a series of interactions that we have with others. These interactions are judged by the people that we interact with and by God.

Inter-actions

Everyone has thoughts ideas and feelings, but it is our actions that are judged.

Inter-actions-behaviors between

- Inter – between
- Acting – behaviors
- You are an Actor. Starring in a Film called “The Life of \_\_\_\_ (Put your name in there.)
- Your life is being recorded.
- YOU will receive an AWARD for your performances in this life and in the life to come.

*2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

- We judge our interactions with one another and God does too.
- How we INTER ACT towards one another usually determines what kind of relationships we have.
- And the relationships we have determine the quality of life we have.
- THE BIG QUESTION! HOW SHOULD WE ACT or
- HOW DO WE LEARN HOW TO ACT WELL?
- Good News: God gives acting lessons. The Bible is an acting book. Church is his acting school.
- It teaches us how to act towards: The cross (Genuflect)
  - God
  - Ourselves

- Others - Friends and loved ones
- Enemies
  - Romans 12 is one of the great acting classes in the Bible.
  - It deals with the 4 Relationships.
  - It teaches us to:
    1. Recognize Your Role
    2. Renew your Mind
    3. Reward and Respect everyone
    4. Repay Not your enemies

#### 1. Recognize Your Role

<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

- a. God discovered you and made you a star.
- b. Therefore, we OWE IT TO DEVOTE IT TO HIM.
- c. PRESENT - Your life is a Presentation to an audience of one (God)
- d. We have to SHOW UP get into character and give a great performance.
- e. The believer's life is not an independent film.
- f. God is the Producer and director of this production
- g. We can improve our relationship with God if we
  - i. Recognize Our Role
  - ii. Recognize God's Role
- h. A great actor is consumed in their role
- i. They sacrifice their identity to assume the role the director wants them to play
- j. Acting well before God empowers us to act well before any human audience

## 2. Renew your Mind

*Romans 12:2 <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*

*3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

- Conformed - means to comply with the rules, standards, or laws.
- There is pressure to CONFORM to the rules, standards, and the laws of the WORLD.
- Transformed - means to make a thorough or dramatic change in the form, appearance, or character of.
- How do we “Transform Our Mind?”
  - \* Stay – in God’s Word. Know God’s WORD. Know your script.
  - \* Pray – Ask God to help you obey him.
  - \* Practice - Try to ACT the way you know God wants you to ACT.
  - \* Repeat – Keep trying
- Rom. 12:2 Beware of the FLASHBACK
- Rom. 12:3 Don’t be a DIVA
- Rom. 12:4 Acknowledge your Supporting Cast and that you are Supporting Cast in others life movies.
- Rom. 12:6-8 Use your Special Effects

## 3. Reward and Respect everyone.

*<sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

*10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*

*12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

*13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

- When we come in contact with others our goal should always be to bless and respect or reward and respect. EVERYONE

Keeping it 100:

- Rom. 12:9 Remember your MOTIVATION is LOVE.
- Rom. 12:10a Devoted means-very loving or loyal, faithful, dedicated, committed.
- Rom. 12:10b Honor means high respect. Esteem, regard with great respect.
- Rom. 12:11 - Never be caught out of Character.
- Rom. 12:12 & 13 - Characteristics to display with others:  
JOYFUL \* HOPEFUL \* PATIENT \* FAITHFUL \* PRAYERFUL \* GRACIOUS &  
HOSPITALBE

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Questions:

1. From Sunday's Sermon, was there a particular point, comment, or scripture that caught your attention or challenged you?

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2. What are you able to accomplish without relationships? Be specific make a list.

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3. How do our relationships define us, resource us, deplete us, elevate us, or demote us?

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4. According to the message explain the rationale behind the assertion that we are all actors.

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5. Explain how our actions are judged by people and why this is important.

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6. How will our actions be judged by God?

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7. Why is God the best acting coach even when it comes to how other people judge us?

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8. Why does a good actor in life need to be living sacrifice i.e. loose themselves in their role? How do we do it?

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9. What does it mean to “not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind? How do you do it?

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10. How do you keep it 100 and Reward and Respect everyone?

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