My Regard For Others

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INTRODUCTION

- I think it's one of the most important lessons that I deliver.
- We do many things well in regard to restoring New Testament Christianity in our time. But I think if there is one particular struggle that the Lord's people have in our time, is the very theme of this lesson tonight.

1 Continue to Marvel at the Master

Titus 2:11–14; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Ephesians 4:1–3

- One of the jobs that I have is to encourage us to continue to marvel at the Master.
- Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- God generously offers of himself to fix a huge mess that we ourselves could not fix.
- As recipients of such amazing kindness, we should absolutely be driven and compelled to humility, lowliness of mind, utter dependence upon him, tremendous and deep gratitude.

2 Let This Mind Be in You

Philippians 2:1–5; 1 Timothy 2:4

- The fact that he has done so wondrously toward us should of necessity affect how we react to others.
- Our attitude toward others, and particularly brethren, flows out of how God has treated us.
- To possess such humility of mind, to regard others as more important than ourselves, or the King James Version says, esteem others better than ourselves.
- So do I want what God wants? Do I have the mind of Christ? And is it demonstrated in my attitude and in my treatment of others?

3 What Is Man?

Psalm 8:4; Psalm 139:13–16; Genesis 1:26

- Every man, every person is God's handiwork. We are fearfully and wonderfully made.
- We are sustained by him on a daily basis. You woke up today only because of him.
- Furthermore, we are made in his image. Genesis chapter 1, let us make man in our image.
- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish. That is true of every single human being that has ever lived.

4 Our Evaluations of Men

James 2:1–4

- However, our evaluations of men are often affected by a lot of other things, aren't they?
- And then this is huge among believers, and that is the number and nature of your sins.
- Every person is God's handiwork. Every person is sustained by him. Every person is made in his image, and every person is the object of God's love.
- If you think of your worst enemy, how do you regard him or her? How long has it been since you prayed for him or for her?

5 Where This Lesson Comes Home: With Each Other

Philippians 4:5; 2 Timothy 2:24–26

- He or she is the most annoying person in this church.
- This person is God's handiwork, sustained by him, made in his image, the object of God's love, despite all those other things that we mentioned a moment ago.
- The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all. With gentleness, correcting those who are in opposition.
- Have I really esteemed this person better than myself? Have I put myself in this person's position?

6 How We Need to Regard Ourselves

- We're very temporary. We are God dependent. And we're to be vessels for servants.
- This passage is telling us that we need to understand that I am only something because of him.
- By the grace of God, I am what I am. All that I am and ever hope to be is because of him.
- Our struggles in relation to others, when they really start getting under our skin, we stop looking at ourselves for who and what we really are.

THE CHALLENGE

Let us properly regard ourselves so that we can properly regard and treat others in the world and in his church. Let us truly esteem others better than ourselves.

MY NOTES