The Worthy Life

Ken Chapman · 1 Thessalonians 2:9–12

INTRODUCTION

- You should walk worthy of God who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
- God will tell them on the judgment day, you did wonderfully on the wrong assignment.
- We need a reminder from time to time what the assignment is. Because it's so easy to get distracted and to work on the wrong assignment and to do the wrong things.

1 God Placed Within Us a Sense of Right and Wrong

Romans 2:14–15

- For most the overwhelming majority of mankind, God placed within us some sense of right and wrong.
- When the Gentiles who do not have the law by nature do things in the law. These, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts.
- God is calling us to this worthy life by the very nature of our creation.
- That sense of right or wrong can be abused. And if it's abused enough, then it becomes really worthless to us. And so then there's the need for more.

2 Morality, Ethics, and Righteousness

Romans 1:16–17

- I want to use three terms that you'll be very familiar with. And those three terms are morality, ethics, and righteousness.
- Many times, ethics and the concept of ethics is based upon some kind of philosophy.
- Morality is based upon either selfish concept of individuality or selfish concepts of the collective.
- Righteousness is the concept that morality, ethics, the standard of right and wrong is not based upon some man-made philosophical system. But it is decided by God and God alone.
- For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith. As it is written, the just shall live by faith.
- God has imparted unto us a standard of righteousness. That's the worthy life to which God has called us. That is our standard.

3 Focus on Being, Not Doing

Colossians 3:17; Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 2:14

- Achieving that worthy life that God has called us to, rising to that standard, not our own standard, but God's standard of righteousness demands that we focus on being, not doing.
- Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- The emphasis there is not just upon doing the right things, but doing the right things with the proper motive and in the right relationship.
- It's all because of your relationship to God. It's all about who you are. And out of that grows the obedience that righteousness demands.
- Is obedience important? Absolutely. But it can only truly come and grow out of the relationship that we have with God.
- Be who God has called you to be. So much easier to conform to his will and to his standard.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you be conformed to his standard of righteousness this morning?**

MY NOTES