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III. For Loves’s Sake (13:8-10)

#5] If we love others the way God has loved us, we’re to be perpetual _____ to share God’s love with those He brings into our lives.

#6] Real love comes from Jesus in our hearts, and won't destroy anyone’s marriage, or kill, or steal, or lie. **Real love _____, not _____!**

IV. For the Savior’s Sake (13:11-14)

#7] In this crazy world we live in, that seems to be spiraling out of control, what can a Christian do that will actually make an impact, a difference? Paul’s final and most important word... _____ the Lord Jesus Christ...

Isaiah 61:10 (NIV)

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness...

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Why do you think Paul tells us to pray for kings and those in authority?

What do you think we should pray for those in authority?

Why do you think Paul hopes believers can lead a “quiet and peaceable life”?

Supplications are when we ask God for our needs, while intercession is when we ask God for others’ needs. Why do you think it is important for our prayers to include supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving?

TAKING IT HOME

- 6) Which of these types of prayer do you most lack in?
Take a few minutes to pray with this type of prayer.
- 7) Looking back at your notesheet and homework, what do you most need to put into practice this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the governing authorities
- ▶
- ▶

Life Group Homework For the week of March 20, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we were encouraged to submit to governing authorities and love others *because* we are closer to heaven than ever before (Romans 13:11-12). As you look towards heaven, what are three things you most look forward to?

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching in Romans 13, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week, we were challenged to submit to God by submitting to the governing authorities - all of whom God appointed. Read the passage below about how Daniel honored God while living under ungodly authorities. Write down any questions or comments you have.
(Background: Daniel is one of three governors under King Darius. These three governors rule over 120 satraps. King Darius is considering promoting Daniel.)
Daniel 6:4-11 - “[4] So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. [5] Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against

this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God." [6] So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! [7] "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. [8] "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." [9] Therefore King Darius signed the written decree. [10] Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. [11] Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God."

What do you notice about Daniel's character and/or lifestyle?

Notice in verse 7, they told the king "all the governors" were involved in this decision to recommend this decree. But Daniel was one of the three ruling governors - they *lied*. What do you think went through Daniel's mind when he discovered their deceit, and why do you think he might have responded this way?

Was Daniel *right* to continue praying to God after the king made it illegal for 30 days? Why or why not?

Verse 10 says that when Daniel prayed, he gave thanks. What do you think Daniel thanked God for (considering he was living as a captive in a foreign land and his enemies were plotting a trap for him)?

If you were in the midst of a life-threatening situation, what things would you be able to thank God for?

4) As King David neared his death, he said the following verse. Why do you think it is so important for someone in authority to *rule in the fear of God*?

2 Samuel 23:3-4 - "[3] *The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God. [4] And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain.'*"

Why is it important for you, personally, to live in the fear of God?

5) Read Paul's exhortation to Timothy below.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 - "[1] *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*"