

**Praxis Series
Virtue Blockers
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Opening

-This is the final week in our Praxis series...and although I have been teaching this Biblical approach to discipleship, this is the first time I have taught it in reverse... (the Why before the How)

Recap

-Matthew 16:24-27

-Commands > Pathways > Virtues > Godly deeds (slides build in reverse)

-1 Corinthians 11:1

-So here it is...

If I accept The One, then I must obey The Six. And to obey The Six I must walk The Twelve. When I walk in The Twelve, I become The Twenty-four...and then Godly deeds will flow from my life.

Introduction

-Matthew 16:27

-Invitation > Commands > Pathways > Virtues > Godly Deeds

Discipleship in Community

-let me read you a list and see if you can tell me where this list appears in the Bible: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea.

- all in modern day Turkey
- across from the island of Patmos
- John was their bishop

-all seven messages recorded for us in Revelation end with this phrase:

“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches.”

-I think the Holy Spirit has something to say to The Church in America today...and it is:

“Be careful to not lose sight of the importance of becoming like Jesus on your way to Heaven!”

-youth language quiz

- 1. Simp - person doing way to much for a person they like**
- 2. Bussin - when something is really good**
- 3. No Cap - not lying**
- 4. Out of Pocket - going to far, saying something goofy**

-You can't have a culture of discipleship without having a language for discipleship! (this series)

Virtue Blockers

-Fallowed...

- Hosea 10:12**
- when my life is Pathway deficient
- all 12...red, yellow, green...

-Unlearned...

- 2 Timothy 2:15**
- when I need to know more of what is expected
- ignorance is a poor excuse when you had opportunity

-Personalitied...

- Hippocrates**
- unbiblical vs. abiblical
- Sanguine, Choleric, Melancholy, Phlegmatic
- when temperament is unrestrained
- talk about Ethan being young, focused, not rebellious

-Self-Directed...

- **Galatians 5:17**
- when rebellion wins
- self dominion...self governance
- tell Upward basketball story and seeing coach correct Ethan...

-Wounded

- **Philippians 3:13**
- when the hurts of my past are in my present
- walking wounded vs. wounded healer
- sign is over emotion for situation

-Scripted

- **Romans 12:2**
- when patterns I've learned take over
- Are you worthy of an Oscar!
- Marriage, parenting, church scripts...

-Oppressed

- **1 John 4:1**
- when ungodly influences are affecting me
- be an influence gatekeeper for yourself...especially your children!
- Evil can't control a Christ follower but it can influence...

Band

-You and I must decide what we believe is waiting for us after we die, because what we believe about that day should ultimately determine how we live out our lives between now and then.

-Matthew 16:27

Close

-2 Peter 1:4