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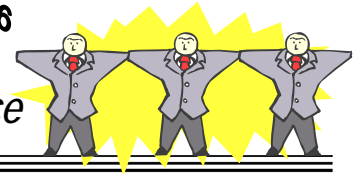
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Part 6

Countercultural Christians

Interdependence Instead of Independence



1. _____ Dependence on _____
(vv.20-21)

2. _____ Dependence on _____
(v.22)

3. _____ Dependence on _____ (vv.23-25)

Hebrews 13:20-25

²⁰ May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²² Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter.

²³ I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with you all. NIV

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the reasons people prefer "autonomy," "independence" and "individualism" above the biblical values highlighted in this weekend's sermon?
2. Read **Colossians 1:16-17** and **Acts 17:24-28**. How often do you consider this biblical assertion regarding your life? What difference do you think it would make if you pondered this more often?

Read **John 15:4-5**. How can and should this dependence on Christ for effective Christian living express itself in your everyday life?

3. Read **Psalms 19:7-8**. What negative repercussions do you experience when you neglect thoughtful interaction with God's word for a number of days on end?

What are some of the obstacles you encounter when attempting to study God's word on a consistent and regular schedule?

4. Besides your immediate family, name two Christians you personally look to for help, support and encouragement in the Christian life? How can you strengthen those partnerships this week?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

January 13th
Gen.26-27 & Mt.13
January 14th
Gen.28-29 & Mt.14
January 15th
Gen.30-31 & Mt.15
January 16th
Gen.32-33 & Mt.16
January 17th
Gen.34-35 & Mt.17
January 18th
Gen.36-37 & Mt.18
January 19th
Gen.38-39 & Mt.19
January 20th
Gen.40-41 & Mt.20

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0733 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**
CD # 0608 – **Koinonia: What it Means to "Share Together" in Christ**
CD # 0702 – **Motivated by Real Christian Friends**
CD # 9910 – **Biblical Essentials for Building Indispensable Alliances**
CD # 9817 - 9820 – **The Reliability of the Bible (a four part series on 2 Peter 1:16 – 2:3)**
CD # 0119 - 0122 – **Real Friends (a four part series on Colossians 3:12-17)**

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)*

Bellah, Robert. **Habits of the Heart: Individualism & Commitment in American Life**. UC Press, 1996. (Reference on culture.)
Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.
Gorman, Julie. **Community That Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.
Hendricks, Howard G. & William D. Hendricks. **Living By the Book**. Moody Press, 1991.
Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. **Ephesians 4:1-16. An Exposition on Christian Unity**. Baker Books, 1998.
Logos Research Systems. **Libronix Bible Study Software**. (good Bible software!) See www.logos.com.
MacArthur, John. **How to Get the Most From God's Word**. Word, 1997.
Putnam, Robert. **Bowling Alone: The Collapse & Revival of American Community**. Touchstone, 2001. (Reference on culture.)
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with People of God**. P & R, 2001.
Stein, Robert H. **A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible: Playing By the Rules**. Baker Books, 1994.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996