



Sermon Series Notes

"Weekend Communion Service 2011" (Passover & The Feast of Unleavened Bread)
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Intro:

1. Old age jokes

2. A look back at 2010

- Completion of new auditorium; new parking lot; back on radio; giving total for Building in 2010 was \$546,429.73; Phase III left to complete in cash (chapel, youth & kids area), we have \$126, 220.25 toward this project (about 50%); increased ministry in many areas, including adding a sports ministry director. Decision totals for 2010:

New Decisions = 144 (at church services)

Rededications = 121 (at church services)

From Website = 56

JR / SR High = 50

JDC Ministry = 122

Children = 25

TOTAL = 518

Danny's Top Godly Goals for 2010:

1. Develop a daily devotional time with God

- Luke 5: 15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

- Psalm 5:3; 88:13

- Prayer, the Word, meditation & memorization, worship & praise.

- Promote Spending Time With God

2. Join a Christian small group

- Eccl.4: 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

3. Develop self-discipline in all areas of life

- Sexual self-discipline (married and single; I Thess.4:3-8)

- Psalm 101: 3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes...

- What we watch, read, listen to

- Eating habits, exercise (I Cor.6:12-13; 9:27; II Peter 1:6; Prov.25:28).

4. Learn to overcome fear by faith

- My taking speech class in college; Me bringing an extra shirt for weekend services; meeting Franklin Graham at last Saturday's service...
- Doing Talk Tuesdays

5. Don't get into debt

- Rom.13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another...
- Prov.22: 7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.
- Credit cards, etc.

6. Develop a plan to begin getting out of debt

- Set a budget, attend a Christian finance class (our next one is in February).

7. Begin honoring the Lord with the firstfruits of ALL your income

- Prov.3:9
- Gen.14:20; 28:22; Heb.7:1-10

8. Repent of any habitual sin, past mistakes

9. Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior

10. Attend communion services as often as possible

- I Cor.11:28-31
- Last Wed of every month, and again May 14-15
- In life groups

* Exodus 12:1-20 (note vv.1-3, 6-7, 13, 14-15, 17-20; 23:15a; 34:18; Deut. 16:1-8).

* Passover and The Feast of Unleavened Bread are inseparably linked...Passover now is fulfilled by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is fulfilled in the purifying of sin from our lives immediately after we receive Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord, and then regularly as we share in communion together...

* Leaven/yeast represents sin/evil. If not regularly purged from our lives, it will spread and grow rapidly...

* The types of leaven in the Bible:

1. Leaven of the Pharisees (Hypocrisy; Matt.16:6; Luke 12:1-3; Matthew 23:25-28).

* I kept my pot hidden in my bass drum, my needles hidden in my jean jacket pocket. I tried to hide my red eyes with Visine...

* Heb.4: 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

2. Leaven of Sadducees (Short-sighted living; Acts 23:8)

- I Cor.15: If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

- II Peter 1: 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

3. Leaven of Herod (power and glory; Mark 8:15; Acts 12:23)

- I John 2:15-17

- The glory of becoming a sports star, rock star, movie star, business star will not last...

- Matthew 16: 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

4. Leaven of sin (I Cor.5:6-8)

INVITATION

* Won't you let God wash you with the blood of the Lamb? Some of us need to give our lives to Jesus Christ...lead in salvation prayer...some of us as Christians need a fresh foot washing...