

“To Trust AND Obey”
pt. 13 — Philippians 2:12-13
To Live is Christ

INTRODUCTION

- who is responsible for your sanctification?

Pietism

Quietism

- I am responsible. God is responsible
2 Pet. 1:3-10; 1 Cor. 15:10; Ex. 14:13-15

1. My responsibility to grow in Christ

- “so then”
- “obey”
- “work out your salvation”

“No one can work his salvation out unless God has already worked it in.”
— James Montgomery Boice

+ connotes strenuous activity
Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 9:26-27; 1 Tim. 6:11-12

+ connotes faithful, persevering obedience
1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 3:14; Mt. 24:13

- “fear & trembling”



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2. God's responsibility to grow me in Christ

- God wills my sanctification
1 Thess. 4:3; Rom. 12:2; 6:22; 2 Thess. 2:13
- how God accomplishes His will for me
 - + “to will” to please Him
Prov. 21:1
 - ➡ creating a holy discontent
Rom. 7:24-25
 - ➡ creating a holy aspiration
Ps. 101:3; 119:104, 163; Amos 5:15
 - + “to work” to please Him
2 Thess 1:11; Heb. 13:20-21

CONCLUSION

- ☉ take personal responsibility for your sanctification

“The activity [biblical sanctification] encourages is intense, as the careers of such prodigiously busy holy men as Augustine himself, Calvin, Whitefield, Spurgeon, and Kuyper show, but it is not in the least self-reliant in spirit. Instead, it follows this four-stage sequence. First, as one who wants to do all the good you can, you observe what tasks, opportunities, and responsibilities face you. Second, you pray for help in these, acknowledging that without Christ you can do nothing—nothing fruitful, that is (John 15:5). Third, you go to work with a good will and a high heart, expecting to be helped as you asked to be. Fourth, you thank God for help given, ask pardon for your own failures en route, and request more help for the next task. [Biblical sanctification] is hard-working holiness, based on endless repetitions of this sequence.”
— J.I. Packer

- ☉ depend wholeheartedly on the Lord for your sanctification

“God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.”
— C.S. Lewis