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Teaching Notes

Making God Proud, Wk 6

To be a person that keeps our word, we need to have a heart for _____ .

Main Text: Matt 5:33-37 "Again, you have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' 34 But I say, don't make any vows! If you say, 'By heaven!' it is a sacred vow because heaven is God's throne. 35 And if you say, 'By the earth!' it is a sacred vow because the earth is his footstool. And don't swear, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. 36 Don't even swear, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. 37 Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Your word is enough. To strengthen your promise with a vow shows that something is wrong.

We can make God proud by being a person of our _____ .

Ephesians 4:22-25 "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

Being a person of our word includes two key actions.

First Key: Put off your _____ self.

NLT Jeremiah 17:9 "The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"

There should not be even a hint of _____ or _____ in our heart, mind or lifestyle.

"Putting off" is both an _____ and a _____ .

Second Key: Put on your _____ self.

Putting on the _____ self includes 4 things:

a) Being _____ .

This means we will _____ first and _____ second!

b) Being _____ and _____ .

c) Doing what God _____ .

d) Choosing that which is _____ .

NLT Proverbs 27:19 As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person.

When we are people of our word we _____ the presence of God among us.