

ROLE OF THE “AUDIENCE”

Part 2

BE PRESENT

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 - + **Matt 18:20**
- It is encouraging
 - + Heb 10:24-25

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

- God is with us
- Gives us comfort

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And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Love one another
- Selfishness leads us to forsake
- We all need encouragement

OUR ROLE DURING SCRIPTURE READING

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- Why we read:
 - + **1 Tim 4:12-14**
 - + Luke 4:16

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

- For Timothy it was an example to believers
- We all benefit

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 - + **Luke 4:16**

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

- God's Word can stand alone

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 - + 1 Tim 4:12-14
 - + Luke 4:16
- Hear what is read:
 - + **Rom 10:17**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Our faith is gained and increased by hearing the Word of God
- Don't waste the opportunity

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- Why we read:
 - + 1 Tim 4:12-14
 - + Luke 4:16
- Hear what is read:
 - + Rom 10:17
- Consider what it means to us
 - + **2 Tim 3:16-17**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Take it seriously, and apply it.
- No error
- Tells us everything we need
- Thoroughly equipped

OUR ROLE DURING SINGING

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- Why we sing:
 - + **Col 3:16**
 - + Acts 16:25

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

- To allow the word of Christ dwell in us
- Teaching and admonishing

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- Why we sing:
 - + Col 3:16
 - + **Acts 16:25**

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

- Comfort to them
- Encouragement to others

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 - + Col 3:16
 - + Acts 16:25
- Sing with our hearts
 - + **Eph 5:19**

speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord

- Focus on the words we are singing
- With grace in our hearts (Col 3:16)

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 - + Acts 16:25

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 - + Eph 5:19

- Sing with Joy
 - + **Ps 95:1**
 - + James 5:13

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our
salvation.*

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Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

- Singing brings out emotion

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 - + Ps 95:1
 - + James 5:13
- Praise God
 - + **Heb 2:12**
 - + Col 3:17

*“I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise
to You.”*

- Praise comes through the words we sing

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And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Sing in the name of the Lord
- Be thankful

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- We don't sing to:
 - + **Lift ourselves up (Matt 6:1)**
 - + Please men (Col 3:23)

Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

- Watch out for pride
- What's our motivation?

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- We don't sing to:
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 - + **Please men (Col 3:23)**

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men

- God does not care if we all sing in tune
- We all have different abilities
- Do not discourage one another

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- Why we pray:
 - + **Others - 1 Tim 2:1-5**
 - + Love - John 13:34
 - + Thankful - Ps 107:8-9
 - + We need help - Eph 3:14-16

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus

- Everyone needs prayers
- God wants everyone to be saved

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A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

- We will have an endless supply of prayers if we love one another.
- Christ prayed for us

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Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

- We owe God our thanks
- Helps us remember where it came from

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For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man

- We need strength to resist temptations
- Satan should not be underestimated

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- Pray along
 - + **Acts 1:13-14**

And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

- Pray with one accord
- Don't get distracted
- Really focus on what the prayer
- Enhances our private prayers
- Not just listeners

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- Remember that prayer works
 - + **1 Jn 5:14**

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

- Helps us stay focused
- Speaking to God
- He hears them and answers them.

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- Why we partake:
 - + **Luke 22:19-20**
 - + Acts 20:7

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

- To remember Christ's sacrifice
- This is the memorial he chose

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- Why we partake:
 - + Luke 22:19-20
 - + **Acts 20:7**

Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

- Every first day of the week
- Helps us stay focused

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- Why we partake:
 - + Luke 22:19-20
 - + Acts 20:7
- Consider Christ's sacrifice
 - + **1 Cor 11:24-26**

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

- Actively thinking about His sacrifice and what it means to us
- Need the reminder
- proclaiming His death

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 - + 1 Cor 11:24-26
- Examine Ourselves
 - + **1 Cor 11:28-29**
- Partake Together
 - + 1 Cor 11:21, 33

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

- Christ died for our sins
- Consider them and don't repeat them
- Take it seriously (vs 29)

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²¹For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

³³Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

- We are not individuals partaking
- Unified congregation
- Sunday night

OUR ROLE DURING THE COLLECTION

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- Why we give:
 - + **Encourage - Heb 3:13**
 - + Spread - Phil 4:15-16
 - + Aid - Acts 11:29-30

but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

- Expenses to gathering

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Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

- God's Word needs to be brought to the whole world
- Easy way to help

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Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

- Share what we have
- Love

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- Consider how blessed we are
 - + **Matt 6:31-33**

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- Bless to just have necessities
- Everything else is extra
- Don’t let blessings be a distraction

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- Be joyful
 - + **2 Cor 9:6-7**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

- We should be happy to help
- Joyfully sacrifice

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- Remember the source
 - + **James 1:17**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

- Easy to say, hard to achieve
- Stewards
- Priorities

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- Take the invitation seriously:
 - + **1 Tim 2:4**
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 - + 2 Cor 5:10

who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- God wants everyone to respond
- This is their chance
- Don't be a distraction

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Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- We can confess our sins in many ways
- All include prayer
- Sermons may lead to confession

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For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- Always be mindful of the judgement
- Love one another

