

A Call To Commitment

Text: Rom. 12: 1-21

Intro

1. Today we join together to celebrate one of the most significant accomplishments in the life of any person → namely the graduation from high school.
2. Every ~~year~~ year at this time we hold a Sunday to honor our graduates of MPCS with what is traditionally known as a baccalaureate service.
 - 1) By definition the service ~~is~~ traditionally ~~was~~ designed to give honor + worship to God for his goodness, grace + glory in achieving graduation.
 - 2) In a more specific sense the dictionary tells us that it is a farewell address in the form of a sermon delivered to a graduating class in most U.S. colleges + universities + some high schools.
(Subsequent story)
3. Well, since the days over separation of church + state → most high school have abandoned the baccalaureate service. (5 notes)
4. We, at MPCS, feel differently → reason we

operates a Christian school → one historical fact
 can never be denied → every great university
 in this nation → had its roots in the Christian
 community. → we believe → the heart of true
 education is the knowledge of God & His
 eternal revelation in the world.

5. As talk to these services, today, talk to
 recall → their problems / our problems →
 boys / our boys / choose / our choice / word
 is the word we have made & left behind.

6. Wish I could welcome these young men &
 ladies to a word the ears of Conant /
 V. Lopez / + Shoyuk's combined → all aware
 better than that

1) According to the May 30, editor of
Ad Journal / Court → "Today's high school seniors
 represent the most culturally diverse generation
 in history. They are bold, independent & say
 they can take care of themselves in a world
 they increasingly distrust.

2) Word Words of Cal Thomas → "The generation
 that promised to bring about the 'Age of Aquarius'
 has brought a string of broken promises, shattered
 lives & societal breakdowns.

9. Speaking of post modern world now →
 How Zerkow's openly declares by relating →:
 (Read Card!)

10. This has been the great of your education
 here at Mount Zion → to prepare you to
 help preserve the foundations of both American
 Society, + the memory of Christian heritage.

11. ~~You say~~ Our responsibility in the world
 today is to live out a message → message.

of: Gen. 1:1 / 1:27 / Lk. 11:28 / Jn 14:1-31

~~Phil 2:5~~ / Phil 3:21 / ~~Rev 1~~ / Rev. 19:11 ff. // Rev. 21.

12. Sounds fine how?

1) Nature of Biblical literature

(1) B.C. → Before Coble

(2) When God created the walls.

~~(3)~~ Ball under bed.

2) Seelye's 50 confused

(1) Money on trees

(2) Feel like kid → brownies

(3) Peak years of mental activity.

~~3)~~

13. Feel so overwhelmed? (Boy + ball)

14. What should I talk from NTCS?

15. Turn to Prov 12 → a chapter to live by → one of most important in Bible:

- 1) Great being on concerns of ~~of~~ Agitation of Herod / Martin Luther / John Wiley.
- 2) Key concept → 1:16, 17 → righteousness of God.
- 3) Amel - 1-11 / soul becom ylt // 12-16 → How righteous soul live?

16. See a formula → Prov. 12 → call to commitment → ~~to commit is~~

- 1) Most important covert custod words to Eq. log. → live in a dog of avoided commitment
- 2) Intention → not found in the Bible as a new form → always used → level action
- 3) Mean to vow / pledge / promise / deed / accept / swear → intention is true or false.
- 4) Side in technical sense → entire something to someone else → commit something valuable to you.

17. Point is → called to commitment to Jesus but who expects righteousness of God.

18. How do I realize this?

I. Concrete my deems

- 1. 12: 1, 2 → explain is on the body → problem is the body → toward the body →
- 2. Point of following Christ → scripture
- 3. Ill: POW Bible // Jude

Delicious

II. ~~Keep~~ my ~~self~~ uniqueness.

- 1. 12: 3-8 → habits / intellectual / perspective
- 2. Ill: Apote Paul → I Cor. 2: 1-4
- 3. Ill: Relax of God's power within // Person of deity
- 4. Ill: Little Boy + ball.

Principle

Integrity

III. ~~Importance~~ ~~concept~~

- 1. 12: 9-16 → (summary) →
- 2. Number one problem → society is lack of integrity.
- 3. Ill: Hobbes ~~Man~~ → Titles or Testimonies
- 4. Theory of integrity:
 - 1) Adher to a strict code of ethics, morality, behavior.
 - 2) Demonstrate character + consistency of value adherence.
 - 3) Refuse hypocrisy, deception, manipulation & explanation.
 - 4) Demand from integrity → substance / complexities / real full words
- 5. Ill: Malaise → French punier. // Organs

10. Mounts accountability

1. 12: 17-21 → (Expto)

2. Del: names

3. Del: But This To Galil

4. Del: My Lord Speaking.