

MERCY AND DISOBEDIENCE, LIVING IT OUT, MODERN IDOLS

Special Topic Unit - Modern Day Idols - *Totally Devoted?* - August 27, 2017

Text: James 4:1-4, Luke 14:26-27, Acts 12:20-23, Matt. 22:34-40

Intro: Define "devoted".

Do you feel God is devoted to you? What has He given you?

What has He held back from you?

Are you devoted to God? What have you given Him?

What have you held back from Him?

I. Devotion To God Means Putting Him First! (James)

1. We see many disagreements in the Church today. Read the following passages. What battles does James address in these verses?

James 4:1a, 11-12

James 2:1-9

James 5:1-6

James 1:19-20, 3:13-18

James 4:11-12

What reason does James give for these struggles between the saints in James 4:1b - 3?

List the main points James makes about our devotion to God in James 4:4-10.

2. Acts 12:20-23 - What lessons can we learn about our devotion to God from this story?

II. Devotion to God Means Loving Others as Yourself! - Matt.22:34-40

1. To love God with all your heart involves E_____!

2. To love God with all you soul involves S_____!

3. To love God with all your mind involves I_____!

4. To love God with all your strength involves A_____!

Our love for God cannot be separated from our love for _____!

What did Jesus mean when in vs. 40?

III. Devotion To God Means Making Difficult Choices

1. Luke 14:26-27 - This is a difficult passage for many to accept. Read all of chapter 14. After reading that, what reason do you think Jesus would say this?

2. What did Jesus mean when he told us to take up our own cross and follow Him?

3. What do the following passages say about our devotion to God?

Matt.5:29-30

Luke 1:37

Col. 3:5-10

Heb.13:15-16

Text for Sept. 3, 2017 Ruth 1:1-22 *Loyal Love*