

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Happy Mother's Day

It's Not Too Late... #4

"...To Do The Right Thing"

"Here's a great eternal truth: life cannot be divided into compartments, some of which God is involved, others in which He is not involved. There cannot be one kind of language in the church and another kind of language in the factory or office. There cannot be one kind of conduct in the church and another in the business world." William Barclay

"Your character is the internal script that will determine your response to failure, success, mistreatment and pain. It reaches into every single facet of your life. It is far more reaching than your talent, your education, your background, or your network of friends. Those things can open doors for you, but your character will determine what happens once you pass thru those doors." Andy Stanley

Daniel 3

1. Know what is right _____

Test of _____

Isaiah 45:19 (NCV) *I did not speak in secret...or hide my words in some dark place. I am the LORD, and I speak the truth; I say what is right.*

Psalm 119:59 (NLT) *I pondered the direction of my life, and I turned to follow your statutes.*

Daniel 3:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king."*

2. _____ on what you know is true

Test of _____

Psalm 106:3 (NIV) *Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.*

Proverbs 10:9 (NLT) *People with integrity have firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.*

Daniel 3:18 (NIV) *But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.*

Proverbs 21:3 (NIV) *To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.*

3. Act on what you know is true _____

Test of _____

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) *We will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ.*

1 Peter 2:19-20 (NLT) ¹⁹ *For God is pleased with you when, for the sake of your conscience, you patiently endure unfair treatment. ²⁰ Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing right and are patient beneath the blows, God is pleased with you.*

There is nothing the _____ cannot overcome!

May memory verse: Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV) ¹² *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*