

“When”

December 31, 2022

Text: Matthew 5:33, NIV

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.**’

Big Question: When will you do what you promised God, yourself, and others you would do?

Side Question for Today: How many times have you broken your promises to God, yourself, and others?

Big Question for 2023

What have you planned to do that you have never done?

Side Question for 2023: What Stops Us from Doing What We Know We Should Do?

Note: Romans 8:1 (NIV)

- Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Sermon Themes for 2023 by Month

1. Traps (Have you been so **trapped** that you can’t follow through on your promises? Prov. 6:5)

- **Question:** Have you ever been free?
- **Side Question:** Are you willing to think at a higher life and be free? (Isa. 55:8)

2. Willful Blindness (Are you willfully ignoring the truth and **compromising**)

3. Bad Investments (Do you have a bad life **investment** strategy?)

4. Wrong Direction (Are you going in the wrong **direction** in your life?)

5. One Chance Opportunities (Are you **dismissive** and ignoring an opportunity)

6. Weakness Lying (Is one of your weaknesses **lying** to yourself?)

7. Hearing God (Are you positioned to **hear** God? Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 17:21...prayer and fasting)

8. Stepping Over Guilt (What makes you feel **guilty** when you try to change it?)

9. Stepping Over Busy Addiction (Do you feel guilty when you are not **busy** and rest?)

Note: Romans 8:1

- A. Guilt about **resting**
- B. Guilt about **advantage** (Prosperity guilt)
- C. Guilt about your **philosophy** (You don't believe like they believe, you think differently)
- D. Guilt about your **standard** (Do you lower your standard to accommodate others?)

10. We Push Too Much Work to the Next Day (Procrastination)

11. We Blame the **Wrong People** and Pick the **Wrong Fights** (Daniel did not blame the wrong people and pick the wrong fight)

Note:

- Daniel never deceived himself. He pressed past what was not fair and focused on the fight that really mattered. He nor the Hebrew boys would never be free. They understood the sin of the nation brought them to this point. They modeled how to fight with courage rather than wallow in blame and self-pity.

Next Time: Trapped: Confronting Your Unnecessary Obligation (Proverbs 6:1-11)