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Special
What must a Xn give up?

James 4:4

Introduction

A. For the last two Sundays, deploring the manifestation of Xnty abroad to-day - the Brand that we exhibit -

① Sunday before last - pointed out possible to have faith, and yet not be saved -

a. Jesus said Matt 7:21, 22 - Not everyone of parable of Matt 13:20-22 of Lame man at Lystra Acts 14:9

b. Some fail to recognize this especially young Xns & Unsaved.

② Last Sunday - took up question of Can in the Christian's life -

a. This was a question we thought too little

b. I tried to point out - was too extremes to avoid -

1. Idea of making Carnal Nature subject to God - Rom 6:7, 8 1 John 1:8

2. Attitude of Complacency & indifference to known Sin - Taking Baby - Can't, Can't Gal 5:16 - Conviction of rebellion Responsibility aggressiveness

③ To-night I want to take a step further what must Xn give up?

a. May I emphasize the word Xn - Unsaved man not asked to give up - Titus 3:5 Rom 3:20. how cheap? of money

b. Nor am I discussing what a Xn give up to keep salvation - Gal 3:2, 3 - 5:2-4

1. Oh well - some may say - if not to earn heaven or keep my ticket I should worry

(a) Don't say that - It should alarm you

(b) Peter say that reminds him of the old proverb - Sow wallowing in mud
Could get pig out of mud & washed
put a fence strong enough -

(c) But take a Cat - need no fence why? It's not her nature -

c. Word - 'must' - not obligation but of necessity
e.g. You must eat - command - ^{nutritious!} demands ^{breath.}

- Statistician once said to Freshman - ^{some ml} Every time you draw your breath, dies Faith & if I don't I'll die -

Bible

The text you will find in James 4: 1-4

- ① We are here getting down to rock bottom truth
 In vs 1-3 — calls attention to extreme folly —
 a In struggle of life like lot of hogs at trough
 fighting and tramping
 b Somehow we imagine by our efforts we
 can get what we need.
 c God says here — cannot be done — need prayer
 d We do pray — Yes why? Are you anxious to
 live more truly for God or merely to satisfy self.

- ② Do not forget that beneath this lies two important facts —
 a A Spiritual Equation { Dependence = Enmity
 parcel labelled —
 b The decision is ours — who ever = anyone —
 — If you has purposed to please God — certain
 things he must not do — (? please God) +
 — This carries the matter back (Do you love God?)

As one searches Bible find the Lord does not call attention outward conformity but insists upon inward loyalty

- ① Some you want a series of specific rules —
 a Many a man — ascetic in food, drink & dress
 but — unlovely in temperament — unchristlike in home
 uncharitable among fellows.
 b Many a woman — shocked — ball, drinking wine, card playing
 & yet thoroughly pharisaical in pride —
 & at same time cherish ~~opportunity~~ selfishness
 c Folly of drawing line apart from inward loyalty
 shown by remark of fashionable ladies —
 — So little diff. between Xst world — I shall give
 up French Opera.
 — Bible Eph 5:11 2 Cor 6:17.

- ② Christ and Church compared to husband & wife
 a A wise husband never think of writing out rules
 for wife to follow — love in heart must settle it.
 b So Jesus says — World is at enmity with me
 John 16:33 — in world tribulation 2 Tim 3:12 —
 c Great trial of young you to be looked upon
 as peculiar, old-fashioned, religious
 1. This is modern form of world treatment
 of faggot, sword, rack.
 2. Cf. young lady — converted — out back
 discouraged — invited to strange
 where is your religious ~~deated~~ —
 known as religious

Conclusion

A. A Christian's loyalty to
Jesus will manifest itself
in giving up 4 things

1. Uncleanliness of mind or body
- whether this consists of
obscene stories or literature
- or of filth of body.

either ordinary dirt or
that caused by opium or tobacco
habits

2. Selfishness as manifested
in indulgence of one's own whims
[or Indifference to claims of others.

3. Pride

It is not becoming to find
a blood-washed sinner -
holding his head in the air with
regard to his fellows -
By the grace of God you are what
you are

4. Popularity

I mean world-recognition

[Evangelist going to train
cold night -

grumbling & shivering men
at gate -

If I am popular with man
up there all I want -