

Sunday Service 10 am Notes

“A.C.T. Right”

by Bishop Lewis Brown as led by the Holy Spirit

- In order to live a life of readiness for the Lord Jesus’ soon return (rapture), we have to A.C.T. right.
- Some of you have been acting proud. Humble yourself.
- One way to do this is through prayer and fasting. Ask the Lord to reveal areas where you need to repent, so you can repent and be forgiven.
 - **Matthew 4:4** – Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
 - **2 Chronicles 7:13-14 New King James Version** - 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Some of us become hard-hearted because we are caught up in our wicked ways.
- For example: Moms often give their kids a “talk” before going into the store. What do they say, “When we get in this store, you better act right. Don’t touch anything. Don’t embarrass me.”
- Before you mess up, the Holy Spirit will warn you...
 - Humble yourself
 - Pray
 - Seek My Face
 - Turn from your wicked ways
- We must act right, listen and obey God for our light to shine.
- Acting right is a choice. It takes discipline (a LOT of discipline).
- You can’t act right on your own strength.
- The Holy Spirit will help you act right.
- In today’s society, we have—road rage, work rage, relationship rage, marriage rage, even church rage.

- Then, when the person has lost control of their temper, they don't know why.
- There is an evil spirit behind it. Evil spirits try to get you to do evil.
- **YOU WILL BE TESTED THIS WEEK. BUT YOU CAN A.C.T. RIGHT IF YOU LEARN TO BELIEVE RIGHT.**
 - Philippians 4:13 New King James Version - 13 I can do all things through [a]Christ who strengthens me.

Three Ways to A.C.T. Right.

Point number one: **A=ALL. Give God your ALL.**

- The area you don't surrender to God, is the area the devil comes in.
- When you don't give God your all, you backslide
- When you don't give God your all, your relationship with God is shallow.
- When you don't give all in a relationship, the other person never really gets to know you.
- For example: If a man is in a relationship with two people, he doesn't really love one of them. In fact, he may not really love either one of them! He doesn't want to give his ALL to one he is supposed to be committed to.
 - **Matthew 6:24-** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches/world).
- **You can't serve God and the devil.**
- Are you willing to give ALL or do you just want to be involved?
- Nobody wants to have their heart broken. (God has a heart too!)
- Don't look back! If you do, you haven't given all!
- When you give God your all, you are willing to let people walk out your life.
- Don't have a part-time relationship with the Lord.
- Give the Lord your ALL.

- We all bring baggage into relationships. People won't carry your baggage. But the LORD WILL CARRY YOUR BAGS. He is a gentleman.

Point number two: C=Commitment – If you're going to act right you must be committed.

- How can you give God your all and don't change?
- When you give God your all, people notice. They say: "Something's different about you."
- God gives you a "make-over". It's called the "Savior's Shop"
- Unforgiveness must come out. Unlock the door where all the hurt happened.
- Open the "unforgiveness" door and let it go.
 - **Matthew 6:14 New King James Version** - 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- **When you think of a person, it the first thing you think of is how they hurt you—you have not forgiven them**
- **When you pray for the one that has hurt you, you are dealing with the unforgiveness.**
 - **Matthew 5:44-45** - But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- **Psalm 37:5 New King James Version** - 5 Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.
- Do you have a casual or committed relationship with Jesus?
- Don't be a gold-digger. Follow Jesus for Who He is and not just for what He can do for you.
- Jesus is Savior and Lord. When He is your Lord you obey Him and what He says in His Word.
- When You are committed to Jesus, you make time for Him—even if it is at 2:00 am in the morning!
- What are you doing for the Lord?
- Give God the first 7 minutes of your day.
- Appreciate the little things God does and God will bless you with more.

- Pray sincerely when the Lord puts it on your heart. Your prayers make a difference. They can even save a life.
- What will happen when you get committed? When you ACT right?
- On the job, you're there on time, every time, and over-time—even in rain, sleet and snow. Do the same for the Lord when there is a church meeting or something He asked you to do.
- Jesus has “stupid love”. He loves you no matter what.
- Think about it: “What does Jesus see in me? Why does the Lord keeps bringing me out?”

Point number three – T = Testing. If you're going to ACT right, you will be tested.

- **James 1:12 New King James Version - Loving God Under Trials** - 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
- **James 1:2-4 New King James Version - Profiting from Trials** - 2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
- **Your mouth can speak great things.** But, your faith will be tested.
- If you keep your faith, you will come out.
- Jesus didn't pay the price for you to fail.
- **Refuse to give up. Don't walk away from the Lord.**
- Your commitment to God will be tested by the trial of your faith.
- A product must be tested before it goes onto the market.
- If it doesn't ACT right, there is a recall.
- Pray that God doesn't have to have a recall on your walk with Him.
- Don't love the world more than God.
 - **John 2:15** - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- Committed people keep going, even when they fail.
- When you ACT right, you will face opposition.
- We must ACT right and DO right.

- When you develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit, He will speak with you on little things.
- **You might be tested before you get home--Don't go into "beast" mode.**

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT – ACT right ALL week.