

THE "BILITY" FAMILY

Jas 1:21-27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Today discussing a family that is an asset to the cause of Christ
- B. Illustrates characteristics that we should possess as Christians.
- C. Certainly, as the previous lesson was not a rebuke, but an exhortation, this lesson is not an endorsement of anyone, but simply a means of encouraging each of us to do and be more in our service to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ

DISCUSSION:

I. PERCEPTI - BILITY

- A. Able to discern good & evil - right & wrong
1Thess 5:22; Rom 12:9; Heb 5:12-14
- B. Satan & sin is deceptive 2Cor 11:13-15; Heb 3:13
- C. How to become able to see or- discern 2Tim 3:16,17;
Heb 4:12

II. DESIRA - BILITY

- A. Desire to do what is right
 - 1. Saul Acts 9:6
 - 2. Samuel 1Sam 3:9,10
- B. A longing or yearning to -- Ezra 7:10
 - 1. Know God's will 1Tim 2:4; Matt 5:6; 1Pet 2:2
 - 2. Do God's will Psa 40:8; Heb 10:25; Psa 122:1;
2Tim 2:15; Jas 1:22
 - 3. Teach God's will Rom 10:1; 2Tim 2:23-26;
Rom 1:15-17 (Three reasons Paul not ashamed of Gospel: 1. Power of God to save; 2. Righteousness of God revealed in it; 3. Just live by it)
- C. Desire to be accepted 2Cor 5:9
- D. Desire to be saved 2Cor 5:1,2; Be with Christ Phil 1:23

II. TANGI - BILITY

- A. That which is real - material - know it is there
- B. Out in the open not ashamed 1Cor 15:10; Rom. 1:16
- C. Stability Jas 1:8; Eph 4:14; Eph 6:11-14; 1Cor 16:13;
Col 1:23 Can be counted on to be there when needed
- D. Stands in:
 - 1. Doctrine of Christ 2Jhn 9
 - 2. Faith stands in power of God 1Cor 2:5
 - 3. Set for defense of Gospel Phil 1:17
 - 4. Against evil Eph 6:12
- E. So when we stand before God Rev 20:12; 2Cor 5:10
we will not stand condemned Lk 13:3

IV. RESPONSIBI-- BILITY

- A. Every blessing has its obligations and responsibility
- B. Greatest blessing is being members of the Kingdom of Christ Col 1:13
- C. Obligations & responsibilities that go with this blessing
 - 1. Assemble Heb 10:25
 - 2. Sing and pray 1Cor 14:15
 - 3. Give 1Cor 16:1,2
 - 4. Lord's Supper 1Cor 11:28
 - 5. Visit Jas 1:27
 - 6. Work 1Cor 3:8,9
- D. Those who did not fulfill these obligations Matt 25:1-46
- E. We will give account of how we perform Rom 14:11,12

V. DURA - BILITY

- A. Having the quality of lasting - endurance - not easily worn down
- B. We will suffer but must endure 2Tim 2:3,10,12
- C. Reward is after faithful service Matt 10:22; Gal 6:9;
2Tim 4:6-8

CONCLUSION:

- A. Do you belong to this family?
- B. Are these characteristics a part of your life.

(From Oliver Murray - adapted by JLH)