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“The Perfecting Believers Series-7 (PBS-7) Part 3 Week #1”

(A Discipleship Series Challenging Believers to Be Complete in Every Way)

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The Perfecting Believers Leadership Series:

“*Discovering and Developing the Magnificent Leader Inside You*”

Series Theme: Perfecting Believers to Become Better Leaders (A 4-Part Series)

(Church, Family, Personal Life, Home, Job, Community and Your World)

P.S. *Every Believer is a Leader Because Every Believer Represents Christ. Be the leader God has called you to be. We'll show you how to lead as a powerful woman or man of God in your home, on your job, in the community, and in your own personal world of family, contacts, and even leading those you don't know.*

Living the **R. A. R. E.** Life – One of **R**espect **A**we **R**eference and **E**njoyment

1 Peter 1:17 KJV: Pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear.

NIV: *Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.*

New Revised Standard Version: *Live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.*

Message Translation: *Our life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God.*

How to Live a Life of Respect

(Four Guidelines to help you respect and enjoy your sojourn here on Earth)

Theme: **RESPECT: God's # 1 Relational Rule**

1. First, Recognize the W_____ of Life –Recognize that biological life is a powerful reality and a miracle of the universe. Life from lifeless matter – not possible. Some scientists are TRYING to make it happen or chemically explain it or imagine it. Life from God however, IS possible and is the only possible and real reason for the wonder of life. It is the wonder of the universe that there is life at all.

Oh, the Wonder and Beauty of God's Physical Universe.

2. Recognize the A_____ of H_____ Existence – the awe is that there is human existence at all. Look at the rest of creation. There should be awe as to the fact that there even IS a human species. That God should be thinking enough of this planet and the universe to create such beings. We are the only ones of our kind (unique). **Psalm 139:14 (KJV)** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works.

If you really stepped back and looked at your life you would stand in awe of it all. You are the choice above billions on this planet. Yes, you owe God – BIG TIME!

Oh, the Wonder and Beauty of God's Human Beings.

Oh, the Wonder and Beauty of God's Magnificent Creation – YOU!

CONCLUSION of #1 and #2: We must have R_____ R_____ for all H_____ life and for life I_____ .

3. Celebrate the S_____ of Life (and your life). Your life is a sacred trust from God. You really can't use your life any old way. You are not your own. It is really not YOUR body. It is a “*tent on loan.*”

Oh, the Wonder, Value and Sacredness of Your Life and Your Calling in God.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (KJV): *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Corinthians 7:23 (NRSV): *You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters.*

4. Finally – Respect **Y**_____ and **O**_____.

A Simple Rule for Leaders' Human Empowerment Behavior: Jesus Christ said in Luke 6:31 (NIV) “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” For a real personal challenge from Jesus Himself, read verses 32-38 and live a life like this.

You must respect your life so much that you hold it in HIGH regard and you hold others in HIGH regard. Not disrespecting yourself or others by your thoughts, words, attitudes or your actions. This living a ‘life of fear’ is living with a full respect for life and its fragile nature. Handle life with care!

1 Thessalonians 5:11, 13 (NRSV) ¹¹ *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.* ¹³ *esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.*

1 Corinthians 3:21 The Message New Testament: *I don't want to hear any of you bragging about yourself or anyone else. Everything is already yours as a gift— all of it is yours, and you are privileged to be in union with Christ, who is in union with God.*

Romans 12: 3 NIV - *Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought.*

Christian Leaders are to Live Respecting God, Other Human Beings, and Life Itself

KH Thought Question – How can you show disrespect for YOURSELF? And conversely, how do you show a healthy respect for yourself? Our panel tonight may give you some insights.

Panel for PBS-7 Part 2, Week One (April 7)

Panel Topic (April 7, 2010): *Leadership in Your Employment and in Your World*

We'll have all the panelists to speak and then take Q &A from the church and online audiences. They will deal with some questions and thoughts like these below.

Dr. McKinney Johnson (*With his experience in Christian Leader*)

Leadership Issue: Life's Changes and Personal Leadership

- How can I gain personal leadership and control over my life when it seems as though everything in my life is in a state of flux, change and uncertainty? Not only is the economy uncertain, my life is uncertain.

Dr. Elaine Walton (*Using her experience as a Single Mother, Wife, Professional, a Grandparent, back to school to receive a Doctorate – all the while working, maintaining a home and caring for an ailing husband*)

Leadership Issue: Leadership of One's Personal Life (Being the leader in your life even when things aren't going right)

- I have educational goals, but I have no money. Should I give up on them because it just doesn't seem possible?

David Wood – **Corporate Executive, former Board Member of West Angeles Church** (*Using his experience as a corporate executive and one with a strong work ethic and as a father who encourages his family.*)

Leadership Issue: Leadership on the job and with your employer

- Why do you say I need to be a leader on my job? I'm just a lowly employee. The managers are paid to be the leaders and I'm just paid to be a follower.

Dr. Marva Hightower – **Minister of the Gospel and Teacher** (*With her experience in ministry and in life*)

Leadership Issue: Being a Leader Everywhere and at All Times

- How can a person be a leader EVERYWHERE?

Secret: This is how you lead people you don't even know. Your life speaks loudly and people listen quietly.

NEXT for PBS-7 Leadership: Featuring Dr. Hammonds' Booklet, *77 Leadership Lessons I Learned from Bishop Charles E. Blake*. Lessons for dynamic successful leadership – anywhere

Panel Topic: *Leadership in the Community and in the Church*