THEOLD PAIRS Jer. 6:16

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Jer. 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Same ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

We set aside today as "old fashioned day." By definition that means "of, relating to, or characteristic of a past era." https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/old-fashioned The "past era" can refer to "something such as a style, method, or device that is old-fashioned is no longer used, done, or admired by most people, because it has been replaced by something that is more modern." It can be "suited to or favoring the styles, methods, manners, or ideas of past times; esp., outof-date; antiquated; outmoded."

https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/old-fashioned

Modern Christianity is moving away from "old fashioned Christianity," and is adopting a worldly emphasis regarding Bible versions, music, clothing, and techniques in an attempt to stimulate attendance. The Bible warns against becoming like the world:

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever interefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 Jn. 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

This afternoon, we will consider what the Bible says about "the old paths." In <u>Jer. 6:16</u> there are four imperative verbs, commanding believers how to consider "the old paths."

I. BE IMMOVABLE - "Stand ye in the ways..."

A. Stand on Your Convictions - "Stand ye..."

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, my beloved brethren, be yet stedfast, my beloved brethren, beloved brethre

- Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,

B. Stay on Your Course - "...in the ways..."

Gen. 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all these had completed by the complete the comp

Jer. 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Prov. 14:12 There is a way which seemed right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (16:25)

II. BE INSPECTIVE - "...and see..."

A. Know Where You Are – Psa. 119:105a "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet..."

1 Cor. 16:13 , stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

B. Know Where You are Going – Psa. 119:105b "Thy word is ...a light unto my path."

Prov. 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Mt. 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Col. 4:2 Combinue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

III. <u>BE INQUISITIVE</u> – "....sk for the old paths, where is the good way..."

A. Seek the Ways of the Lord

Deut. 4:29 But it from themse thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt fine him, it thou seek him with all thy soul.

2 Chron. 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek the lace, and turn from their wicket ways; then will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

I<u>sa. 55:6</u> Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

B. Seek the Will of the Lord

continually.

1 Chron. 16:10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face

1 Chron. 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: If thou seek him, he will be image of these binds thou to sake him.

Jer. 29:13 And we shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

IV. BE INTENTIONAL - "...and therein..."

A. Walk in the Light

Jn. 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he was followed me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

1 Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and well in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

B. Walk in Life

2 Cor. 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Gal. 5:16 This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Eph. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation where with ye are

Col. 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

C. Walk in Love

Eph. 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

2 Jn. 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, we should walk in it.

D. Walk as the Lord

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that

Col. 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unit all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thess. 2:12 That ye would walk work of the collection of the col

Summary

Our text, Jer. 6:16, issues four imperative verbs regarding the handling of the "Old Paths:"

"Stand," "see," "ask," and "walk"

Consequently, the believer is to be four things: Immovable, Inspective, Inquisitive, and Intentional.

Conclusion

THE IMPLEMENTATION – "...and ye shall find rest for your souls..."

Mt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

❖THE IMPUDENCE – "...But they said, We will not walk therein."

Deut. 32:29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their

Prov. 19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou may est be wise in thy latter end.

The "Old Paths" produces the right relationship with the Lord and the things in which He delights:

Jer. 9:23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things

delight, saith the LORD