



Loving God and People (Part One)

Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 "This is the first and great commandment. 39 "And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Q) If everything hangs on these two commandments why are we not putting God first and loving people more?

1. God wants His kingdom to be the #1 priority in our lives.

Q) Do you have a dedicated daily devotional time with the Lord longer than five minutes?

A) If not than God's kingdom is not #1 in your life

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q) What is the chief end of man?

A) Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.



#1 Excuse working men & women don't have a devotional life and neglect their church life: "I have to make a living"

The truth is you can do both. We have to make a living, but if you put God first He will assist you and be your source.

Our love of God is reflected in our individual and corporate worship to Him

If you don't love God and you do good works: You are a Pharisee- Look good on outside, but are dead on inside. That is why people burn out. That is why people do good things without anointing & godly motives.

Matthew 6:24-34 "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. 25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Q)What separates us from the Gentiles/unbeliever?

We have the same needs they do!

Our priority is God and His kingdom. He doesn't fit into our kingdom – We fit into his kingdom. When we have needs there is a temptation to seek what we need rather than seek God and His kingdom. When we do that we create more anxiety for ourselves, and in many cases cut off God's provision for our lives.

Clear signs His kingdom is not first:

We get our priorities out of line

No real devotions, We say, "Oh, I pray all day"

Excessive worry and anxiety

Miss several fellowship opportunities – people forsake their Sabbath. In place of services they will seek refreshment from recreation, movies, tv, etc.

Physically tired, burn out

Lose hope

Lack of faith (vs. 31)

Daily Philosophy:

- Do first things first!
- If you do it first it won't be taken away from you.
- Do the things daily that bring you victory



There is a little Mary and Martha in each one of us. Martha is important to the kingdom and has her vital of place ministry



Luke 10:38-42 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."