

What Should Be Your Number One Aim in Life?

Part 12 2019



Your greatest aim in life....

“To love God, to fear Him, to keep His commandments, and to hate evil”.

I would like to add one more Biblical mandate to this statement.

Your greatest aim in life...

“To love God, to fear Him, to keep His commandments, to hate
evil” and to do good.

The opposite of “hating evil” is “love to do good”!!!

Here's why I would like to add "to do good" to our statement.

It has to do with the "Pregnancy Care Center" service project we are going to do today right after our Worship Service.

Scripture Tells Us that God Is Not only Love He is also Good

- *When Moses meets with God, Moses asks God, v 18 "Please, show me Your glory."*
 - *Ex 33:19-23 Then He (God) said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you (He did not say, I will make all My love pass before you...love and goodness are related),...20 ~~But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."~~...22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by,...I... will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."*
 - *Ex 34:6-7 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The*

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- *Lord, the Lord God (then He begins to expand on some of the meaning of His goodness), merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty (being good does not mean He is not a God of justice also...He will hold people that do not repent, guilty),...."*
- *Exodus 33:19 "I will make all My goodness pass before you,...*
- *When Moses asks God to allow him to behold His presence – to reveal His essence/His nature – what is it that God reveals...His goodness?*

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- Our saying: “God is good...all the time; all the time...God is good.” (Psa 119/68 “You are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes (God’s Torah – His Law - reflects His “goodness”).”
- When you bring people to God, you bring them to His Torah (Sabbath, Holy Days, etc) & when you bring people to His Torah (Sabbath/Holy Days), you bring them to God.
- You can’t say you are good without doing good...doing Torah.
- Like God, we are to “love goodness” and “hate evil” (Psa 97/10 Those of you who love God – hate evil’.)

Our job is to promote goodness in this world

- *John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation (good and evil are opposites).*
- *Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,...."*

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- *Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control (our job - to promote all these... including goodness).*
- *Mic 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*
- *This world would be a much better world if...*
 - *There were more “good” being done in this world, and*
 - *Less “bad” being done in this world.*

Why Partner with Pregnancy Care Center?

- *The San Antonio Pregnancy Care Center is a life-affirming ministry helping people facing unplanned pregnancies. Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered plan for unplanned pregnancy. Our clients receive lab-quality pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing, limited obstetrical ultrasounds for pregnancy confirmation and material assistance through our parenting support programs.*

Frequently asked questions

● *How many clients are served by the PCC?*

- *In 2018, 3078 visits to the Center were made by 1567 new clients, 1572 free pregnancy tests were given with 1310 free ultrasounds.*

● *How many clients choose life?*

- *Approximately 80% of clients receiving ultrasounds will choose life.*
- *2018 – 566 number of babies saved (not aborted).*

● *How will we help them fight abortion:*

- *Donate \$50 per month on a monthly recurring basis*
- *Assemble \$1500 worth of baby products in 30 baby bags of baby items*

Here is the web site address

<https://www.sapregnancy.org>

Why we chose “Pregnancy Care Center”

- *It fights against abortion, which is evil/murder; we hate evil and want to help fight this evil.*
 - *Ps 97:10 You who love the Lord, hate evil!*
- *It is a faith-based and Christ-centered agency.*
- *It receives no government funding so that it can be free to proclaim its Christ-centered faith.*

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- *The baby bags we will assemble today with the baby products and donate to them are not just handed out; their clients must attend parenting classes in order to earn points to redeem for these baby bags.*
 - *Their philosophy: “It’s a hand-up NOT a hand-out”.*
 - *They don’t cater to a “What have you done for me lately” type of entitlement. Their services are free but their clients have to earn points by attending classes to earn these baby goods.*

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- *We want for a Sabbath/Holy Day observing church (that’s us) to be included in helping an agency that fights abortion.*
 - *Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- *They will allow us to place our “church business card” on each baby bag so that the recipients know that a Sabbath/Holy Day observing church is donating the baby products.*

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- *I read four books on charity/poverty that gave great advice on Biblical principles to follow in helping others:*
 - *“A framework for Understanding Poverty” by Ruby K. Payne, PH.D.*
 - *“The Poverty of Nations” by Wayne Gruden & Barry Asmus*
 - *“Toxic Charity” by Robert D. Lupton*
 - *“When Helping Hurts – How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself” by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert*

These books provide great Biblical principles we can use as individual Believers and corporately as a congregation in determining how to help others in meeting their needs.

Many times our good intentions in giving money to others hurts them instead of helping them.

Some principles learned from these books!!!

- *Just giving money or other material resources to people in need is not helping them; it is actually hurting them because they are not learning how to make better choices that will prevent them from needing more help later on.*
- *People must be willing to learn and develop the discipline to follow Biblical principles concerning debt management, budgeting, tithing, not living beyond their means, gleaning the fields which required them to work for the free grain, etc.... God had laws to help take care of those in need but the goal was always to eradicate poverty and not serve the same poor.*

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- Deut 15:3-6 *NIV* You may require payment from a foreigner, but you must cancel any debt your brother owes you (God had a set of laws for helping the needy). 4 However, there should be no poor among you (the ultimate goal was to eradicate poverty by people learning how to get out of being needy), for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, 5 if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are careful to follow all these commands....6 For the Lord your God will bless you ... and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none (we want to partner with agencies like this).

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- John the Baptist while in prison wanted to know if Jesus was the Messiah:
 - Luke 7:22 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.
 - The greatest need of the poor is not money. . . . what they really need is the good news of the KOG which teaches principles on overcoming "needy situations" (Pregnancy Care Center does this).

Some principles learned from these books!!!

- *Whenever you give money to a person at an intersection with a cardboard sign that says, “I need money to eat”you give the person money. . . .it may be an act of mercy which does you some good. . . .but you have not helped the person change to the better. . . .the person will continue working the intersection because it pays more to beg than train to get a job.*
- *For the homeless, the City has “Haven for Hope” to take care of the homeless and teach them how not to be homeless. . . .many refuse the service because they don’t want to follow the rules.*

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- *Giving “relief” to people who through no fault of their own need help (like hurricane victims) is good and proper...these are acts of mercy...they need help temporarily until they get back on their feet....but individuals that are not striving to better themselves and constantly need help are being “hurt” instead of “helped” if all that is done is give them more money without teaching them to learn Biblical principles.*
- *We want to partner with agencies that provide “development” not just “relief” to their clients in need.*

If you know of agencies that provide “developmental opportunities” for their clients to make their lives better instead of just giving money (just the relief) without expecting anything in return, please let us know so that we can consider partnering with them as church funds become available.

What is our greatest aim in life?

- *“To love God, fear Him, keep His commandments, hate evil, and do good”.*
- *Three elements to our outreach efforts:*
 - *Truth with Love*
 - *Right Doctrine – Right Behavior*
 - *So that others may live*

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“Right Doctrine – Right Behavior”

“So that others may live”!