

What Should Be Your Number One Aim in Life?

Part 7 2019



God's Answer

- To love God and to keep His commandments. . . . God tells us this should be our greatest aim in life.
 - 1 Cor 14:1 TLB Let love (let God who is love) be your greatest aim;
 - 1 John 4:8-9 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
 - John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

God's Answer

- Why should “loving God and keeping His commandments” be our number one aim in life? Because if this aim becomes our dominant life-guiding principle by which we make all of our decisions, we can have the peace of mind that we are making the best possible choices in life since they are being made based on God's instructions and His plan for our life.
- Multiple Choices: Take this job or that job; pick this career or that career; retire or not retire; move or not move; spend my time doing this or doing that; exercise or not exercise; get out of debt or stay in debt, etc.

Again – Our Greatest Aim in Life Is...

“To love God and to keep His commandments”

Other Things We Have Learned About Love

- *In carrying out our mission (To make disciples who make disciples...and in the process change lives through the Power of God's applied Word to help heal a broken-hurting world) we use both a...*
 - *Love-based approach and a...*
 - *Knowledge-based approach*
 - *Although both approaches are necessary, it is the love-based approach that provides us with the unity necessary to effectively present God's Word to others...if we do not lead with a love-based approach, then knowledge in and of itself tends to divide us instead of unite us.*

*Unity on the essentials, liberty on the non-essentials, but in
all things, love!!!*

Other Things We Have Learned About Love

- *Our pursuit of “love as our greatest aim in life” also means....*
 - *Love FOR God not Love FROM God. It is not the pursuit of love itself but the pursuit of loving Him and loving others.*
 - *It is the pursuit of a close-loving relationship with God instead of treating love merely as a something we want from God.*
 - *It is the pursuit of God Himself not the pursuit of the rewards/blessings that come from God. We obey God, not for love of the rewards, but for the love of God...the rewards are merely a by-product of our love for God...as new converts we may start with seeking the rewards, but as we mature, the focus shifts from the rewards to God Himself.*

Other Things We Have Learned About Love

- *Our pursuit of love as our greatest aim in life is...*
 - *Our focus shifts from “what’s in it for me” to “what’s in it for God”.*
 - *If the rewards become our focus instead of the relationship with God, then we are merely using God to get what we want instead of what God wants.*
 - *As we mature spiritually, we work towards being NEEDED by God instead of being NEEDY. God NEEDS us chosen-human-beings to carry out His mission...if we remain NEEDY people, it will take much more effort to remain focused on what God needs instead on what we need. We are called for the sake of the world, not our sake.*

Other Things We Have Learned About Love

- *Our pursuit of love as our greatest aim in life is...*
- *Let's not lose focus on why we are here....why we have been called to participate in God's mission. We are primarily here FOR God not God FOR us.*
- *We are to ask God what He wants instead of focusing merely on what we want.*

Today's Message Based On One Scripture

Ps 97:10

"You who love the Lord, hate evil!"

If we love God, we are to Hate Evil

- *You don't have to be a religious person to know that evil abounds in the world, including this country: the world is plagued with various atrocities and horrors, such as genocides, terrorist attacks, mass murders, and tortures and killing sprees by psychopathic serial killers, etc.*
- *Book: The Marketing of Evil by David Kupelian, the table of contents lists such topics as: Selling Gay Rights, Who's Selling Sex and Rebellion to Your Children, The Campaign to Destroy Marriage, How Radicals Have Hijacked America's Education, How Living Marketers Sold America on Unrestricted Abortion, etc.*

This world is a mess....we are destroying ourselves by allowing evil to grow rampant throughout the world.

We have become so calloused to evil that we are no longer horrified by the evil events we hear in the news.

We have become a nation where this Scripture fits our evil condition:

Isa 5:20

*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

We are a smart-well- educated people (our politicians and university professors are not dumb) but they lack wisdom because they lack fear and respect for God and His laws.

Ps 111:10

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do His
commandments.*

Examples of an Evil Possessed World

- *How many genders are there in human beings.*
 - *Just a few generations ago, you would have said, “two – male and female”.*
 - *No longer...last count was “58 genders”: Agender, Androgyne, Androgynous, Bigender, Cis, Cisgender, Cis Female, Cis Male, Cis Man, Cis Woman, Cisgender Female, Cisgender Male, Cisgender Man, Cisgender Woman, Female to Male, FTM, Gender Fluid, Gender Nonconforming, Gender Questioning, Gender Variant, Genderqueer, Intersex, Male to Female, MTF, Neither, Neutrois, Non-binary, Other Pangender, Trans, Trans*, Trans Female, etc.*

Examples of an Evil Possessed World

- *In some schools teachers can no longer use the terms, “boys and girls”....they must use the word “students”.*
- *Birth certificates will no longer have “male or female”...it will be left blank for the person to decide later on what gender they will be.*
- *Etc, etc, etc.*

Another Example – Sacrificing to Molech

- *Lev 18:21-22 And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.*
- *Jer 19:4-5 Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with the blood of the innocents 5 (they have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind),.....*

Another Example – Sacrificing to Molech

- *Ps 106:37-38* *They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, 38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.*
- *Ezek 23:36-39* *The Lord also said to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations. 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and even sacrificed their sons whom they bore to Me, passing them through the fire, to devour them.*

How Have We Moderns Sacrificed Our Children to Molech?

- *How many abortions up to 2019: more than 60 million babies have been murdered.*
- *Laws are being passed that a baby can be aborted up to full 9-month term.*
- *How is it possible that even near-term babies can be legally aborted?*
- *If we all agree today, we will support “Pregnancy Care Center” (Ofie and I toured the center)...we will support them financially and with baby products*

End with This Scripture

- *Ezek 33:1-6* *Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: "When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, 3 when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head.*

End with This Scripture

- *5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'*
- *We need to learn to fight evil....supporting the "Pregnancy Care Center" is just a tiny attempt..but we need to do something.*

1. Youtube Video

Some people are ignorant - How many genders are there?

- YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOj0a2NPpI>