

Priorities

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Matthew 22:35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

1Corinthians 13:13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1Timothy 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

What is love?

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave... "

1John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, .

What is the source of sacrificial love?

a. Image of God (character quality)

1 John 4:8 ...God is love.

b. A gift when we trust Jesus (character quality)

Galatians 5:21 The fruit of the Spirit is love...

c. A choice

Revelation 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ...

² 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance...

... ⁴ 'But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵ 'Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place-- unless you repent.

Our Greatest Priority:
Know, Love and Honor God

(Today's focus: Love)

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HOW TO know, love and honor God:

1. Know, love and honor Jesus

Romans 5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations...

...⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Hebrews 10:9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Thy will."

He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

...¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And upon their mind I will write them," *He then says,*

¹⁷ "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

¹⁸ Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

¹⁹ Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God,

²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Our 2nd Greatest Priority:
Know, Love and Honor One Another

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³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

John 13:34 ..."love one another, even as I have loved you,...

Ephesians 5:2 ...walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us,...

HOW TO know, love and honor one another:

1. Know, love and honor Jesus

Romans 14:1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.

² One man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.

³ Let not him who eats regard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him.

⁴ Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One man regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*.

Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind.

⁶ He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

⁷ For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;

⁸ for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's...

...**15:6** that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

<p>Our 3rd Greatest Priority: Live the <u>Great Commission</u></p>

Matt 28:18 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

HOW TO live the great commission:

1. Know, love and honor Jesus

Acts 1:8 you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 4:18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."