

Loving God and Others

Text: Matthew 22:37-40

“LOVING ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

**Mission Statement:** to passionately serve GOD and to compassionately serve others—ALL to the glory of GOD!

We must learn to THINK about how we are living our lives.

We must learn to live INTENTIONALLY each day for the glory of God.

**I. In Relation to My \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37)**

Our love for God is displayed in how we seek to glorify Him.

**A. Does this \_\_\_\_\_ God? (1 Corinthians 10:31)**

Our ruling \_\_\_\_\_—our habitual goal should be to glorify God in everything we do. (Colossians 3:17 & 23)

Q: Will this only please me or will it glorify God?

**B. Does this \_\_\_\_\_ the cause of Christ? (1 Cor. 10:33)**

Q: Will this help me win the lost to Christ or turn them away?

**II. In Relation to My \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:39)**

Our love for God is displayed in how we seek good for our neighbor.

**A. Am I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of my neighbor in doing this? (1 Corinthians 10:24)**

**1 Corinthians 10:24** Let no man seek his own [profit], but every man [seek] another's wealth [the good of his neighbor].

Paul is challenging the Corinthian saints to have an “\_\_\_\_\_ mindset,” that is a mindset of considering others first.

Cf. Philippians 2:4

**B. Will my actions \_\_\_\_\_ my neighbor to \_\_\_\_\_? (Romans 14:13)**

A “*stumbling block*” is an \_\_\_\_\_ or hindrance to someone else's faith. (1 Corinthians 8:9)

Q: Will this make me a stumbling block or a stepping stone?

**C. Am I seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of evil?” (1 Th. 5:22)**

**1 Thessalonians 5:22** Abstain from all appearance [form] of evil.

**D. Will my actions \_\_\_\_\_ my neighbor up? (1 Cor. 10:23)**

**My Christian liberty is to be regulated by my love for others.**

Q: Will this build my neighbor up or tear him down?

**III. In Relation to My \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 10:12)**

**1 Corinthians 10:12** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall [into sin].

Our love for God is displayed in our sacrifice for Him.

**A. Is this \_\_\_\_\_ for me? (1 Corinthians 6:12a)**

**1 Corinthians 6:12** All things [things not immoral] are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient [good for me to do]:...

Q: Is this worthwhile or helpful?

**B. Will this \_\_\_\_\_ me? (1 Corinthians 6:12b)**

**1 Corinthians 6:12** ...all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power [enslaved or dominated by] of any.

Q: Will this lead to freedom or slavery?

Our goal is Christ-likeness. To be like Christ we must think like Him. To be like Christ we must be filled with the Holy Spirit being controlled by Him.

**Psalms 19:14** Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer.

**What is my next step?**

(Put off) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else's?

(Renew your mind) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(Put on) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?