

Keep the MAIN thing the MAIN thing!

Jesus is our “personal” Lord and Savior. We have a “personal relationship” with God. This is the **main thing**.

Rev 4:11 `Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they **are and were** created.

God's original plan is “Fellowship based on giving God pleasure “ Everything else is second place to this purpose -

- **Eternal life is the restoration of our relationship with God, not just keeping us out of hell.**

“First sin” is the breaking fellowship with God

TO KNOW God WE MUST KNOW HIS WORD -

Pro 4:7 Wisdom is the **principal** thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

- *Principal: the first thing, the most important, the main thing, gets the most attention, etc.*
- *But when getting “wisdom” get understanding – HOW TO APPLY WHAT YOU GOT. HOW TO DO IT!!!!*

One of the most damaging “sins” that I perceive is to hear God's word, it hits the target, then we go home do nothing to apply what we heard in our lives. We just keep doing exactly what we were doing.

God gives the messenger a “message” especially for us and then we ignore the “message” – WHY?

PRIDE, - SELF - IT IS ALL ABOUT “US” -

- *Continuing to do the wrong thing will never make things right or make them better.*
- To hear a God's message and not act on it, is the sin of disobedience, and brings deception (Jam 1:23)

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN OUR LIFE IS God –KEEPING God FIRST, FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE

Time with God without any thing but worship and love for HIM! - **Relationship determines results!**

In Genesis the sin of Adam and Eve **separated** them from God, it is no different today – our sin causes “separation” from God's blessings – He said He would never leave, but our sin makes it impossible for Him to bless -

Our Christian life is formed and functions from our relationship with God

- Most of our trouble stems from a “poor” relationship with God. Blessings come from relationship – Relationship is not works, but “relating” to God out of love for Him. Moses knew God's ways; the children of Israel knew His acts.

Jesus WARNED US ABOUT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM -

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

What is the will of the Father”? – to worship and serve God and to believe in Jesus Christ.

OUR QUESTION TO OURSELVES -

How valuable is God? – What in our lives takes precedent over God? Is our own comfort more important?

How much of our lives do we live, make decisions, embrace things, participate, without any input from God?

How much of our tiredness, weariness, confusion, fears, anxiety is caused by “doing our own thing”

Sin defiles – (the wages of sin is death, that which we sow we reap, sow to the flesh, reap destruction)

DEFILEMENT (separation from God - COMES FROM THE HEART OF MAN, FROM WITHIN –

Mar 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

We are drawn away when by our own desire and are enticed – Jam 1:14,15 and sin brings death to us.

The sin of Pride: (keeping self in control)

Mar 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, (making void, no effect, nothing, empty)
 Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to **think of himself more highly** than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

If our mind is OK why would God command us to “renew” it? We have many wrong thoughts and memories.

- If we must renew our minds, what is in them that is wrong and what do we put in there to make it right.
- Any thought, any knowledge that exalts (lifts, raises, or sets itself over or against) the knowledge of God.
- Transformation comes from “renewing” – Conformation comes from following that which is not God.

Sin begins in our minds and works its way into our heart – A thought forms an image, we dwell on it and it becomes a desire, a longing and has become sin to us in our heart. The act of our desire usually follows but the sin is done.

Mat 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to **lust** after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

A COMMON SIN IN THE BODY – (Not doing what we know to do is sin) (Jam 4:17)

Mat 6:31 **Therefore take no thought, saying**, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) 5 **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Casting down is to do so with the intention of “utterly destroying” that which is against God.

Imaginations begin with a thought – when the thought is vain the image will be vain (empty, useless and always cross-way of God.) In the world today there is a increased amount of “taking the thought” then speaking the thought we took.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 **Casting all your care** upon him; for he careth for you.

Our confession is our profession

Rom 10:10 “confession is made” (to say, including the thought)

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the **profession** of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Whose voice to we hear and whose voice do we follow? Ours, the devils, those around us, or God –

Many will follow the loudest voice, but it is most of the time not God. God speaks in a still, small voice and many times we miss it because of the loudness of the other voices in our lives.

We cannot let the voice of the worlds system be the loudest voice we hear. We will usually follow the loudest voice. It is not usually the right one. We must adhere to and listen to the voice of heaven, the voice of God.

We must tune our ears to hear God so we will follow what He says with absolute, instant obedience – keeping Him the **main thing** always.

God WILL NEVER SPEAK ANYTHING TO YOU THAT WILL DEVALIDATE THE WORD OR GO CROSSWAYS TO IT.