

**Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an **abomination** unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”

**Proverbs 11:1** “A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.”

**Proverbs 17:15** “He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both **are abomination** to the LORD.”

**Proverbs 15:9** “The way of the wicked is an **abomination** unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.”

**Proverbs 28:9** “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be abomination.*”

### What is our reasonable service?

**Romans 12:1** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*”

### How should we overcome evil?

**Romans 12:21** “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

### How do we raise children to do right?

These are only some of the precepts in the Bible...And remember that when Jesus walked the earth, He did not bring all sinners to himself. Similarly, even if you could be a perfect parent, still your children would not be perfect. Note that all of us parents have room for improvement!

### 1. Example -- showing a child how we have learned to obey God, please God, and do right.

Be an example of genuine love, humility, godliness, honesty, purity, pleasing God, show diligence to do right.

**1 Samuel 12:23** “Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will **teach you the good and the right way:**”

generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the **wrath to come?**”

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** “And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from **the wrath to come.**”

The only way to escape God's wrath is if Jesus pays for your sin.

**Romans 5:11** says, “And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the **atonement.**” Jesus died to pay for our sin, and we must receive him as our Saviour.

### How do we show God that we love him?

**John 14:15** “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

### What is necessary to show love to God?

**1 John 4:20** “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath **not seen?**”

**Matthew 22:39** “And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy **neighbour** as thyself.”

### What is necessary to please God?

**Romans 8:8** “So then they that are in the flesh cannot **please God.**” (God wants us to walk with him in the Spirit, not controlled by ungodly desires)

**Hebrews 11:6** “But without faith **it is impossible** to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

**2 Timothy 2:4** “No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may **please him** who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” My first preoccupation has to be how to please God, if I am going to serve him.

### What is necessary to understand scripture?

**1 Peter 5:5** Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth **grace to the humble.** (Humility is necessary to obtain wisdom.)

good fruits, without partiality, and without **hypocrisy.**” Also note that it is important that we be good examples so that our discipline does not appear to be hypocrisy.

#### **4. Care -- protecting a child from evil, wrong, sinful influence and also emotional, physical harm.**

**Proverbs 29:15** “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to *himself* bringeth his mother to shame.”

Protecting a child includes controlling which friends are talking to your child, what computer games they play, what (or if) videos and TV are allowed...

**Proverbs 23:7** says, “For **as he thinketh in his heart, so is he**: Eat and drink, saith he...” This verse mentions how the covetous man thinks. The covetous man thinks about money. This verse illustrates that what we focus on affects our life.

In both children and adults the result of bad companionship is always destruction. Look what the Bible says about bad companionship. **Proverbs 28:7** says, “Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.” Note also **Proverbs 13:20**, “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.” **Proverbs 28:24** says, “Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is no transgression*; the same is the **companion of a destroyer.**”

How do children get to a point that they would rob their parents? If someone is a **companion with a destroyer**, they can get to that point. Part of caring for a child is protecting them from bad influences and the knowledge of the evil ways.

#### **5. Provision -- Meeting spiritual, physical, emotional needs in the way that God views our needs.**

1 Timothy 5:8 “But if any **provide** not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” (Note the balance in Luke 12:33 that we can make heavenly provisions.)

#### **What are God's first two commandments?**

**Mark 12:29-30** "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. "

#### **What does God warn us to keep with all diligence?**

**Proverbs 4:23** "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life."

**2 Corinthians 8:7** "Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all **diligence**, and in your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also."

**2 Peter 1:5-7** "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

#### **How can you get God to guide you?**

**Proverbs 3:6** "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

#### **How do you discern which wisdom is from God?**

**James 3:17** "But the **wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

#### **How do you find God?**

**Deuteronomy 4:29** "But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou **seek him** with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

“Better is the poor that walketh in his **integrity**, than *he that is perverse* in his lips, and is a fool.“ It is more important that children learn how to decide, than how to make money! Integrity is when children fear God, and do right even when it is hard. In **Job 2:3** we see: “And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his **integrity**, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.” Note that because Job maintained his integrity, God latter blessed him doubly. If our children learn the ways of God, **what a blessings they will have from God!**

### Why can't we do good?

**1. We are not relying on Christ: John 15:5** "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

**2. We are accustomed to do evil: Jeremiah 13:23** "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."

**3. We have cords of sin: Proverbs 5:22** "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

### Why doesn't God give me a sign as to what to do?

**1. Unless God tells me to ask for a sign, I should not ask: Mark 8:11-12** "And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation."

**2. We need to ask for wisdom in faith: James 1:6** says, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (We normally should ask for wisdom, not signs.)

### How do you know if God will answer your prayer?

**Matthew 21:22** "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

**Matthew 7:11** "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give **good things** to them that **ask** him?"

**Matthew 7:8** "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (asketh is in the linear tense in the Greek language: keep asking until God answers.)

**John 15:7** "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be **done** unto you."

**Note below how to abide:** we must "**love one another**" as Jesus did!

**John 15:10-12** "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my **commandment**, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

My love or lack of love affects how God answers my prayers. But if I ask for things in his will, I can be confident he will hear me.

**1 John 5:14** "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"

### Why is baptism important for Christians?

**1.** Almost all mention of salvation in the Book of Acts also shows people immediately or rapidly getting baptized after salvation.

**2.** It is important to show our love for Jesus. Like the wedding ring shows publicly that we belong to a spouse, baptism publicly shows our faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We show Jesus that we love him by obeying him. John 14:15 says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

**5. Remember that God will reward your good/evil that you do: Luke 6:35** "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

**6. Do not be envious of the foolish, because God will someday repay them. Psalms 73:2-3**, "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. **Psalms 73:17**, "Until I went into the sanctuary of God; **then understood I their end.**"

**Why do I get mad?** (some of the reasons)

**1. Because of pride: Proverbs 19:11** "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression."

**2. Lack love for God's law: Psalms 119:165** "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

**3. Because of oppression: Ecclesiastes 7:7** "Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad;..."

**4. Because of hypocrisy and injustice: Isaiah 65:3-5a** "A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; Which say, Stand by thyself, **come not near** to me; for I am holier than thou..."

**How do I avoid conflict?**

**1. Servants: I Peter 2:18-19** "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully."

**2. Wives: I Peter 3:1-2** "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they

**Romans 2:13** "(For not the hearers of the law **are just** before God, but the doers of the law shall be **justified.**"

(God justifies those who put their faith in Christ. But note those who decide to trust Christ also decide they want to obey God, because God puts his Holy Spirit in them, a new nature, a spiritual nature.)

**How do you know you are forgiven to go to heaven?**

God is love. because of His love, He is willing to forgive and has prepared a way to forgive our sins. But the first step to being forgiven by God may be to humble ourselves and admit how bad we have been, sinning against God.

**1. We are all sinners--humbly admit your sin to God. Romans 3:10**, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" **Romans 3:23**, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

(The Bible says that God gives grace to the humble—will you admit your sin to God?)

**2. The wages of sin is death...be honest with God how bad our sin is.**

**Romans 6:23**, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Hebrews 9:27**, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

These wages include a 2<sup>nd</sup> death, a spiritual death; our soul can die in a lake of fire...

**Revelation 21:8**, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

God loves us (**John 3:16**) and wants us to choose his mercy rather than judgment (**I Peter 3:9.**)

#### **4. Lack of control over your own spirit: Prov 25:28**

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."

#### **How do I get joy back?**

**John 15:10-12** "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

**Ecclesiastes 2:26** "For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit."

#### **Why pray if the answer is obvious?**

**Joshua 9:14** "And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD." (This decision resulted in many problems that lasted for many years, and later led to sin of idolatry.)

**Proverbs 3:5** "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

#### **What tools does the Devil use to get Christians to sin?**

**1 John 2:16** "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

**1. Lust of the flesh:** this means of temptation includes laziness: after being tempted to do what we ought not (slothfulness), we at the same time sin by not doing the good that needs to be done. Then, we are also more likely to do other sins because we are in the wrong place and we become used to self-gratification (doing what pleases ourself.) One example is when King David fell into adultery after becoming lazy.

**2. Lust of the eyes:** Through our eyes we get distraction; often times we do things at the wrong time because we took

#### **Introduction:**

Dear friend, there are many people who are attending church, but do not know the answers to basic questions, important questions, even though God has already answered them in the Bible.

I believe that a Christian who reads his Bible every day should already know many of these answers, especially if they hear these topics preached on in church. If we can help you understand the Bible, you are invited to visit an independent Baptist Church. I hope that we can be a blessing to your family.

Sincerely,

*Your servant in Jesus Christ.*

### **How do I keep from falling?**

**I Peter 5:8** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about..."

**I Corinthians 10:12** "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

**2 Peter 1:5** "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

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