

Some Things That Must Be Done

Introduction

- A. No matter what one's background may be – all recognize some type of right and wrong. A correct list of values is very important.
- B. What is demanded of us? What would be a minimal list? What does the Bible say?

I. The Necessity of Virtuous Living, Matthew 23-23.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith. These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Observation: Virtue demands we give ourselves – to tithe we need only give a possession.

II. The Necessity of Prayer, Luke 18:1.

And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Observation: We cannot please God and be prayerless. He has made it possible for us to speak to Him. Failure to afford ourselves of this highest of honors is a serious sin.

III. The Necessity of Being Born Again, John 3:7.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Observation: Without the new birth there is no hope of entering Heaven.

IV. The Necessity of Correct Worship, John 4:24.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Observation: To worship God is the highest act a man can perform. However, worship must be a spiritual act in accordance with the truth.

V. The Necessity of Humble Service, John 13:14.

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Observation: Our pride stands in the way of many good things. True spiritual service must be a humble giving of ourselves.

VI. The Necessity of Obedience before God, Acts 5:29.

Then Peter and the Other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Observation: Obedience to God is not an option. We cannot vote on this subject. When demands conflict -- God must be obeyed!

VII. The Necessity of Genuine Humility, Romans 12:3.

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.

Observation: A good self image is vitally important. To evaluate ourselves in pride is to incur the wrath of God.

VIII. The Necessity of Boldness in Witnessing, Ephesians 6:20.

For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

Observation: We have been commissioned to be God's witness. We must honestly obey God. A clear and bold witness is a necessity.

IX. The Necessity of Pleasing God, I Thessalonians 4:1.

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Observation: Above all, the Christian must live to please God.

X. The Necessity of Responding to God through His Word, Hebrews 2:1.

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Observation: This is one of the believer's greatest obligations. God has revealed Himself. He expects us to accept and practice His Word

XI. The Necessity of Being Prepared for Entering God's Presence, II Peter 3:11.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

Observation: In the light of God's judgment -- a holy life is not an option.

XII. The Necessity of Loving Other Christians, I John 3:16.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Observation: The proof of God's love is His action. It is the same with us.

Conclusion: These verses would demand a decision on our part. First to confess our failure and then to surrender to God to obey Him.

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