

# Improving Our Walk With God

## - Matthew 5:33-37 -

- A. Are you are honest enough to keep your word? Do you mean what you say?
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas 1:8) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 4:13) characterizes those who cannot make up their mind. . .
- C. The loss of integrity and duty ruins trust and creates doubt. . .
- D. Remember \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. There is no commandment to compare with **Matthew 22:37**
- B. This commandment contains the highest form of love and the highest object. You cannot improve yourself unless you love God first. . .
- C. Love acts continually (**Jn 14:15; 1 Cor 13:1-3**). It is useless to say you love, if nothing shows it (**Jas 2:14-16**) . . .
- D. Nothing hinders love from serving (**2 Tim 2:4**). Being faithful must be a priority. Put God in the place He wants and in the place He deserves. . .

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. We need the scriptures so we can daily “LIVE” off of what is good (**Matt 4:4; 1 Pet 2:2**). You know who reads and studies their Bible by listening and watching.
- B. Study to answer a question, find the authority for something, and see what is good. We need to know the difference in what man thinks and what God says (**Jn 7:17; 1 Jn 4:1**) . . .
- C. We will read and study when we understand God knows what He’s talking about (**Acts 17:11**). He know more than I do.
- D. What will reading the Bible do for you?
  - 1. You can say what the Bible says, not what you think it says or what you want it to say.
  - 2. Gives support for your actions (**Col 3:17; 2 Jn 9**)
  - 3. For our understanding (**Eph 5:17**)
  - 4. Provides truth, knowledge, and fact which is consistent, infallible, and abiding (**1 Tim 4:16**)
- E. Take this challenge! Read and study more than what is necessary for Bible class. Take a subject – Search and investigate to understand what it is (**Matt 5:6**).

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. **Matt 28:19,20** gives the mission. **Jn 4:35** and **Rom 3:23** show the circumstances. **Rom 1:16** is the power. **2 Pet 3:9** provides the motivation. . .
- B. The *beginning* and the *continuing* in this effort is the key to conversion. Someone is interested. They have to be approached, most will not approach you. Give away your faith to someone.
- C. Be compelled by righteousness, self-control, and the judgment.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. How do you resolve to stop bad habits – sin? (**1 Thess 5:17**).
- B. Satan is bearing down on you. Pray for the DESIRE toward sin be removed. Is the desire to sin stronger than the desire to pray?
- C. The most faithful Biblical characters prayed.
- D. Prayer will make a difference every year (Jas 5:16).
- E. The *Long-Term Effects* of these *Short-Term Plans*.
  - 1. Becoming more like Jesus
  - 2. Obedience to God becomes a natural walk of life.
  - 3. You will be prepared for Heaven.