

The most important thing in life is...

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, ‘Of all the commandments, which is the most important?’

²⁹ ‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, ‘is this: “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” ³¹ The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.’

³² ‘Well said, teacher,’ the man replied. ‘You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.’

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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My life needs an standard

Each life is build on 3 things:

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When I give God all I've got, I always have left over for myself and others
Sow bountifully; reap bountifully. 2Cor9:6
Love God; & one another. 1Jo.4:21

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Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 7:21

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.
Matthew 12:50

My Prayer Points for this week

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. In what ways have the most important things in your life changed with the passing of time?
2. What are some external, and internal, factors that have challenged, changed or maintained what is important for you?
3. Jesus was clear that some things are always important (v29,31). Why do some values never change?
4. What are some meanings and implications of the statement, "The Lord is one"? (v29)
5. If I love God with "all" I am (v30), how can there ever be anything left over for myself or others? (after answering, read 2 Corinthians 9:6)
6. Why do you think there are so many people who are "not far from", but not "in" the Kingdom?
7. List some ways we can help those to are "not far" to step in.

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