

“What Now?”

We preach the Gospel and people say, “What Now?”

I) ***“You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.”***

1. You will worship nothing by Yahweh—not success, money, your country or your football team.
2. You will not fashion Yahweh after your own image—make Him look like you in your own mind or in your speech.
3. You will not use the name of The Lord to serve your own ego.
4. You will rest because you know Yahweh is your Creator.

Getting Practical:

- ✓ Repent (think differently) and be baptized (we have a special service down at the river each summer).
- ✓ Regularly attend worship services and truly engage your heart. Every breath you breathe must be the worship of God.
- ✓ Pray constantly, always surrendering (“losing”) your soul. Confess your sins one to another and receive God’s Mercy—you’ll probably need some sort of small group to do this... Pastors are also available. This is also what is happening each time you participate in communion. You are publicly surrendering your *psyche*, and finding it.
- ✓ Take time to study Scripture and truly engage your mind. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind—in His image, not vice versa. Never ever say, “God says,” in order to serve your ego.
- ✓ Constantly offer your strength. Whatever you do, do it as an offering to the Lord. Give money and various forms of service, not for what you get, but because you are worshipping God with all your strength. All should be done from a heart at rest in the finished work of Christ.

Also:

- ✓ Write a song. Paint a picture. Author a book. Create something to glorify the Lord.
- ✓ Sit in silence before Him meditating. Pray through the Psalms.
- ✓ Go for a hike in the mountains thanking Him for what He’s created.
- ✓ Read theology, philosophy, poetry, history, science; get serious about loving God with your all your brain.
- ✓ Attend and participate in a class, Bible study and/or prayer meeting.
- ✓ Worship Him in the temple of flesh that is your neighbor (II).

II) ***“You will love your neighbor as yourself.”***

5. You will honor your Mom and Dad.
6. You will not murder. Anger can be murder.
7. You will not commit adultery. Lust can be adultery.
8. You will not steal. Your life is not your own.
9. You will not lie about your neighbor. Truth makes you one.
10. You will not desire, what belongs to your neighbor.

Getting Practical:

- ✓ Call your mom. Thank your dad. Stop blaming them for all your problems. Don't deny their failures and sins, but forgive and hope for restoration.
- ✓ Forgive every person you know and find ways to express this reality without condemnation. Love your enemies!
- ✓ If married, *Stay Married!* Don't even consider a husband or wife other than the one that you now have. Love your husband or wife!
- ✓ Love and discipline your children in the Wisdom and Grace that is Jesus.
- ✓ Give everything to God and realize that what you "have" is on loan from Him. This reality is expressed in a life of freely giving to others.
- ✓ Don't gossip or slander your neighbors—Christ died for them.
- ✓ Be sincerely happy that your neighbor has gifts, abilities, successes, and possessions that you do not have.

Also:

- ✓ Make sandwiches for homeless people in the park. Visit lonely people in nursing homes, hospitals, and orphanages—in Denver, The US and abroad. Collect crutches for crippled people in Africa. Make water systems for people that lack clean water. Find homeless people and provide shelter. Tutor school kids that are struggling with their lessons. Go to Mexico to assist the poor. Share your resources with the church in the developing world. Immerse yourself in the struggles of the last and the least in Denver and places like Uganda and Guatemala.
- ✓ Do all of these things with other people, if they would like to join you.
- ✓ If Necessary start a program at church (we'll help you), outside of church, or even as a non-profit organization.
- ✓ Or simply participate in existing programs like helping hands, community kindness, one of our mission trips, bible studies, Relentless Love Class, Alpha class, relationship classes. Serve on a committee that organizes other ministries.
- ✓ Pray for others. Pray the sick would be healed. Pray against the devil and his work. Use gifts of prophecy, words of knowledge, tongues etc. etc.
- ✓ Tell people that Jesus loves them, not only with your actions but your mouth.
- ✓ Always be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is in you.
- ✓ Meet together in "life groups," "support groups," "prayer meetings," and just as friends that care for each other and God. Start a group if you can't find one.
- ✓ Pay attention to social justice issues, how the principalities and powers of this world operate, prayerfully consider candidates and vote.
- ✓ Involve yourself in "movements," but never equate a "movement" with the Kingdom of God.
- ✓ Give away your money and time, without thought of reward or repayment.

* Ask the Lord, "What now? What would you like me to do now?"

PLEASE NOTE: You must do all of these things from the heart. You will do them because you want to do them, not under compulsion—not because you gained this *knowledge of Good and evil* by taking it from a list for the purpose of making yourself in the image of God. To do so is to crucify Love... rather than live the life of Love.