

“ We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”



2 Corinthians 5:20

Some have asked me why God cares how they act or what they do. In other words, why does the Bible have so many particulars? Now tell me: is that the way Christ Ambassadors should act? If our experience as Christians is why I have to do this or why I cannot do that, then the problem isn’t what we are discussing, the problem is with the human heart. As a follower of Jesus, we want to do the things that please Him and the keeping of His commandments is just the foundation, the minimum. By His grace, we want to go beyond that.

1. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20, what are we?

An ambassador is a diplomat sent by a country as its official representative to a foreign country. As Christians, we want to represent Jesus and his country (heaven) to this fallen world. Remember, a sermon in shoes is often more eloquent than a sermon on paper.

2. Why does God answer our prayers? 1 John 3:22

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

The Christian life and a successful marriage have some similarities. In a good marriage certain things are imperative, such as faithfulness to one’s spouse. Other things may not seem major, but if they please a spouse they are necessary. If they displease, they should be discontinued. So it is with the Christian life.

3. What does Hebrews 12:1 ask us to lay aside?

The devil claims that to follow Christian principles is drab, dull, demeaning, and legalistic. But Jesus says it brings fullness of joy—and a more abundant life (John 10:10). Believing the devil's lies brings heartache and deprives people of life that is “really living.”

4. According to God's Word, what are the ways that satan tempts Christ's followers? 1 John 2:15-17

The lust of the _____

The lust of the _____

The _____ of life.

All sin falls into one or more of these three categories. Satan uses these avenues to lure us into the love of the world. When we begin to love the world, we become an enemy of God (James 4:4).

5. Why is the Christian life such a high calling? List 4 different characteristics of God's people. 1 Peter 2:9

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

You see it is the desire of many professing Christians to look like the world, act like the world, speak like the world and do the things of the world. That makes Christianity look weak in the sight of the world.

6. Satan works through our five senses. What are two of his favorite senses to exploit? Isaiah 33:15

1) _____

2) _____

7. What does God call us to do in 1 John 2:6

8. How do we accomplish this (question 7)? Proverbs 23:26 _____

Converted people will find their greatest joy in discovering Jesus' will in everything and in joyously following where He leads.

9. What does the Psalmist say he will do? Psalm 101:3

Do the things you watch on TV, in theaters, and on the Internet appeal to your lower or higher nature? Do they lead you to a greater love for Jesus—or for the world?

10. What should a Christian choose to think about? Philippians 4:8

Whatsoever things are _____

Whatsoever things are _____

Whatsoever things are _____

Whatsoever things are _____

Whatsoever things are _____

Whatsoever things are _____

if there be any virtue, and if there by any praise, think on these things.

11. How should people adorn themselves? 1 Timothy 2:9

What should they avoid? _____

12. What kind of spirit is very precious in God's sight? 1 Peter 3:4

“Pride of life” is the issue here. Jesus’ followers should look different. Different does not mean strange or weird, but the appearance sends light to others.

13. What belongs to the Lord? Psalm 24:1

1) _____

2) _____

14. What else belongs to the Lord? Haggai 2:8

15. Why should we remember the Lord our God?
Deuteronomy 8:18

*The tithe is one-tenth of a person’s income. The word “tithe” literally means “tenth.” The tithe belongs to God. It is His. We have no right to keep it. When we tithe, we are not making a gift; we are simply returning to God what is already His. A free-will offering that we give is based on what the Lord puts on our hearts to give. **Tithe is returned; offerings are given. Tithe grows our trust in God; offerings grow our love for God.***

16. What is God’s promise if we will obey Him and trust that He will care for us if we return the tithe? Malachai 3:10

17. What motivates believers to obey the Lord in matters discussed in this lesson? 1 John 5:3

18. What is our attitude about obeying God when His law is within our hearts? Psalm 40:8 _____

All that we do should be with one motivation: to express love for Jesus. Our one question should always be, “Will this [music, drink, TV show, movie, book, etc.] honor Jesus?” Do you want to love Christ so much that to follow His principles for Christian living will be a joy and delight? _____