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Demons are as Real as you are and this is what you Need To Know about them

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"Remember from where they may really be coming from, "As a man or as a woman eats really the fruit of his or her own lips." People get what they speak out aloud and are judged for that and as they do go on and judge others.

"Remember from where they or anyone may be really coming from, "Just as a woman eats really the fruit of her own lips talking, screaming out loud or even softly say aloud, also." "Just as a man eats really the fruit of his own lips talking, screaming out loud or even softly say aloud, also." Okay, for the rest of us — well for a few of us — those that as we have accepted God's grace — we have accepted the fact that we have been washed clean by the healing blood of Christ. That Jesus died for our sins on the cross. This opened the small gate to the narrow path and the narrow gate for us to go through judgement and to stay in Heaven.

It is really very simple.

Jesus died for you or HE didn't.

Yes. Jesus died for YOU Evelyn or for YOU or Jesus DID NOT die for YOU?

"It is really just that simple. Jesus and God will accept YOU – just as you are. Even with pain in your heart. It really is HE (Jesus) either did really die for you or HE did not. You don't feel that, you can only sense that. You accept that as a real fact. You don't feel that, you sense and really know that as fact. Then - satan and his demons NO longer have any authority over you, or for us, or for me, as we now belong to Jesus and those demons must leave us, must be away from us, must be gone – must depart out of our lives – must depart our homes – must depart our area – must just depart, and must get out of here satan."

Am I supposed to be obedient and go to Church?

<u>Matthew 15:5 - 6</u> => But you say, 'Even if your parents are in need, you may give their support money to the church instead.' And so, by your man-made rule, you nullify the direct command of God to honor and care for your parents.

<u>Matthew 18:17</u> => If he still refuses to listen, then take your case to the church, and if the church's verdict favors you, but he won't accept it, then the church should excommunicate him.

Acts 9:31 => Meanwhile, the church had peace throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria, and grew in strength and numbers. The believers learned how to walk in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11:22 => When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch to help the new converts.

Acts 11:30 => This they did, consigning their gifts to Barnabas and Paul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.

Acts 12:5 = > But earnest prayer was going up to God from the church for his safety all the time he was in prison.

Acts 14:23 = > Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church and prayed for them with fasting, turning them over to the care of the Lord in whom they trusted.

Acts 15:6 = > So the apostles and church elders set a further meeting to decide this question.

Acts 15:22 => Then the apostles and elders and the whole congregation voted to send delegates to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, to report on this decision. The men chosen were two of the church leaders — Judas (also called Barsabbas) and Silas.

Acts 15:40 - 41 => while Paul chose Silas and, with the blessing of the believers, left for Syria and Cilicia to encourage the churches there.

Acts 18:22 => The next stop was at the port of Caesarea from where he visited the church at Jerusalem and then sailed on to Antioch.

Acts 18:27 => Apollos had been thinking about going to Greece, and the believers encouraged him in this. They wrote to their fellow - believers there, telling them to welcome him. And upon his arrival in Greece, he was greatly used of God to strengthen the church, (YOU by attending church each week for you to strengthen your relationship with God.)

Acts 20:17 = > But when we landed at Miletus, he sent a message to the elders of the church at Ephesus asking them to come down to the boat to meet him.

Acts 21:18 => The second day Paul took us with him to meet with James and the elders of the Jerusalem church.

Romans 1:11 - 12 = > For I long to visit you so that I can impart to you the faith that will help your church grow strong in the Lord.

Then, too, I need your help, for I want not only to share my faith with you but to be encouraged by yours: Each of us will be a blessing to the other. (OKAY! How else will you get more faith?)

<u>Romans 1:13</u> => I want you to know, dear brothers (and sisters), that I planned to come many times before (but was prevented) so that I could work among you and see good results, just as I have among the other Gentile churches.

Romans 14:19 => In this way aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

Romans 15:20 => But all the while my ambition has been to go still farther, preaching where the name of Christ has never yet been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.

<u>Romans 15:27</u> => They were very glad to do this, for they feel that they owe a real debt to the Jerusalem Christians. Why?

Because the news about Christ came to these Gentiles from the church in Jerusalem. And since they received this wonderful spiritual gift of the Gospel from there, they feel that the least they can do in return is to give some material aid.

Romans 16:1 - 2 => Phoebe, a dear Christian woman from the town of Cenchreae, will be coming to see you soon. She has worked hard in the church there. Receive her as your sister in the Lord, giving her a warm Christian welcome. Help her in every way you can, for she has helped many in their needs, including me.

<u>Romans 16:4</u> = > In fact, they risked their lives for me, and I am **not** the only one who is thankful to them; so are all the Gentile churches.

Romans 16:23 => Gaius says to say hello to you for him. I am his guest, and the church meets here in his home. Erastus, the city treasurer, sends you his greetings and so does Quartus, a Christian brother.

<u>1 Corinthians 1:10</u> = > But, dear brothers, I beg you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to stop arguing among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:15 => For now, no one can think that I have been trying to start something new, beginning a "Church of Paul."

<u>1 Corinthians 4:17</u> => That is the very reason why I am sending Timothy — to help you do this. For he is one of those I won to Christ, a beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord. He will remind you of what I teach in all the churches wherever I go.

Do I need to be **obedient**?

<u>Deuteronomy 13:18</u> => "Of course, the Lord your God will be merciful only if you have been <u>obedient</u> to HIM and to HIS <u>commandments</u> that I am giving you today, and if you have been doing that which is right in the eyes of the Lord.

<u>Psalm 105:45</u> = > This was done to make them faithful and <u>obedient</u> to his laws. Hallelujah!

<u>Psalm 119:101</u> = > I have refused to walk the paths of evil, for I will remain obedient to your Word.

<u>Isaiah 2:5</u> = > O Israel, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord and be obedient to his laws!

Malachi 3:17 => "They shall be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in that day when I make up my jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares an obedient and dutiful son.

<u>Luke 2:51</u> => Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them; and his mother stored away all these things in her heart.

<u>1 Timothy 3:12</u> = > Deacons should have <u>only one wife</u>, and they should have happy, obedient families.

<u>Titus 2:5</u> => and to be sensible and clean minded, spending their time in their own homes, being kind and obedient to their husbands so that the Christian faith can't be spoken against by those who know them.

<u>Titus 3:1</u> = > Remind your people to obey the government and its officers, and always to be obedient and ready for any honest work.

<u>1 John 3:6</u> = > So if we stay close to him, obedient to him, we won't be sinning either; but as for those who keep on sinning, they should realize this: They sin because they have never really known him or become his.

Ten Commandants

Exodus 25:16 = > When the Ark is finished, place inside it the tablets of stone I will give you, with the **Ten Commandments** engraved on them.

Exodus 30:6 = > Place the altar just outside the veil, near the place of mercy that is above the Ark containing the **Ten Commandments**. I will meet with you there.

<u>Exodus 31:18</u> => Then, as God finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of stone on which the <u>Ten Commandments</u> were written with the finger of God.

Exodus 32:15 = > Then Moses went down the mountain, holding in his hands the $\underline{\text{Ten}}$ Commandments written on both sides of two stone tablets.

<u>Exodus 34:28</u> => Moses was up on the mountain with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, and in all that time he neither ate nor drank. At that time God wrote out the Covenant — the <u>Ten Commandments</u> — on the stone tablets.

Exodus 39:33 - 40 => Then they brought the entire Tabernacle to Moses: Furniture; clasps; frames; bars; Posts; bases; layers of covering for the roof and sides — the rams' skins dyed red, the specially tanned goatskins, and the entrance drape; the Ark with the Ten Commandments in it; The carrying poles; The place of mercy; The table and all its utensils; The Bread of the Presence; The pure gold lampstand with its lamps, utensils, and (Blessed Olive Oil) oil; The gold altar; The anointing oil; The sweet incense; The curtain - door of the Tabernacle; The bronze altar; The bronze grating; The poles and the utensils; The washbasin and its base; The drapes for the walls of the court and the posts holding them up; The bases and the drapes at the gate of the court; The cords and nails; All the utensils used there in the work of the Tabernacle.

Exodus 40:3 => In its place the Ark containing the <u>Ten Commandments</u>; and install the veil to enclose the Ark within the <u>Holy of Holies</u>.

<u>Exodus 40:20</u> => Inside the Ark he placed the stones with the <u>Ten Commandments</u> engraved on them and attached the carrying poles to the Ark and installed the gold lid, the place of mercy.

<u>Leviticus 16:13</u> => There before the Lord he shall put the incense upon the coals, so that a cloud of incense will cover the mercy place above the Ark (containing the stone tablets of the <u>Ten Commandments</u>); thus he will <u>not die</u>.

<u>Deuteronomy 4:13</u> => HE proclaimed the laws you must obey — the <u>Ten Commandments</u> — and wrote them on two stone tablets.

<u>Deuteronomy 10:4</u> => HE again wrote the <u>Ten Commandments</u> on them and gave them to me. (They were the same <u>commandments</u> HE had given you from the heart of the <u>fire</u> on the mountain as you all watched below.)

<u>Deuteronomy 10:8</u> = > It was there that Jehovah set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark containing the <u>Ten Commandments</u> of Jehovah, and to stand before the Lord and to do HIS work and to bless HIS name, just as is done today.

<u>Deuteronomy 31:9</u> = > Then Moses wrote out the laws he had already delivered to the people and gave them to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the Ark containing the <u>Ten Commandments</u> of the Lord. Moses also gave copies of the laws to the elders of Israel.

<u>Deuteronomy 31:25</u> = > HE instructed the Levites who carried the Ark containing the <u>Ten</u> Commandments

<u>Joshua 8:32</u> => And as the people of Israel watched, Joshua carved upon the stones of the altar each of the Ten Commandments.

2 Kings 11:12 => Then Jehoiada brought out the young prince and put the crown upon his head and gave him a copy of the <u>Ten Commandments</u> and anointed him as king. Then everyone clapped and shouted, "Long live the king!"

<u>Luke 18:20</u> = > "But as to your question, you know what the <u>Ten Commandments</u> say — don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't lie, honor your parents, and so on."

Acts 7:44 = > "Our ancestors carried along with them a portable Temple, or Tabernacle, through the wilderness. In it they kept the stone tablets with the <u>Ten Commandments</u> written on them. This building was constructed in exact accordance with the plan shown to Moses by the Angel.

Romans 5:20 => The Ten Commandments were given so that all could see the extent of their failure to obey God's laws. But the more we see our sinfulness, the more we see God's abounding grace forgiving us.

Romans 13:9 => If you love your neighbor as much as you love yourself, you will not want to harm or cheat him or kill him or steal from him. And you won't sin with his wife or want what is HIS or do anything else the <u>Ten Commandments</u> say is wrong. All ten are wrapped up in this one, to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:6</u> = > HE is the one who has helped us tell others about HIS new agreement to save them. We do not tell them that they must obey every law of God or die; but we tell them there is life for them from the Holy Spirit. The old way, trying to be saved by keeping the <u>Ten Commandments</u>, ends in death; in the new way, the Holy Spirit gives them life.

2 Corinthians 3:15 => Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings their hearts are blind, and they think that obeying the <u>Ten Commandments</u> is the way to be saved.

<u>Galatians 3:17</u> => Here's what I am trying to say: God's promise to save through <u>faith</u> — and God wrote this promise down and signed it — could <u>not</u> be canceled or changed four hundred and thirty years later when God gave the <u>Ten Commandments</u>.

<u>Galatians 4:24 - 25</u> => Now this true story is an illustration of God's two ways of helping people. One way was by giving them his laws to obey. HE did this on Mount Sinai, when HE gave the <u>Ten Commandments</u> to Moses. Mount Sinai, by the way, is called "Mount Hagar" by the Arabs — and in my illustration, Abraham's slave-wife Hagar represents Jerusalem, the mother - city of the Jews, the center of that system of trying to please God by trying to obey the <u>Commandments</u>; and the Jews, who try to follow that system, are her slave children.

Ephesians 6:2 = > Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's **Ten Commandments** that ends with a promise.

Ten Commandants

The <u>Ten Commandments</u> were written by God upon two tablets of stone and then given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Most scholars date this event around the 13th or 14th century BC. God gave the Decalogue, or <u>10 Commandments</u>, to the Israelites shortly after they left Egypt. The record of the <u>Ten Commandments</u> can be found in the Bible, both in <u>Exodus 20:2-17</u> and <u>Deuteronomy 5:6-21</u>.

Ten Commandments list:

- 1. You shall have **no** other **gods** before Me.
- 2. You shall make no idols.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

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5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.
Keep the Sabbath day Holy

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Christians who take God's Sabbath command seriously often wonder how to keep the Sabbath as a Christian. What principles guide our Sabbath celebration?

How to Keep the Sabbath as a Christian = > By Erik Jones

One of the distinctive biblical beliefs of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, which sponsors this website, is that we follow the example of Jesus Christ and the early New Testament Church in celebrating the seventh - day Sabbath. The book of Genesis reveals that after the creation week, "God ended HIS work which HE had done, and HE rested on the seventh - day from all HIS work which HE had done" (Genesis 2:2).

Verse 3 then records an important fact about the seventh day that has implications for all: "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." The Creator of all things actually blessed and sanctified — set apart for a special purpose — the seventh day of the week.

Because of this distinct blessing and sanctification, the seventh day of the week is very special to God. When God gave the 10 Commandments to Moses — HIS Holy law that is permanently binding on HIS people (Matthew 5:18) — HE specifically included the seventh-day Sabbath as the Fourth Commandment (Exodus 20:8 - 11). God did not create the Sabbath to be a burdensome law. Jesus said the Sabbath was created as a gift from God (Mark 2:27). He and the apostles and New Testament Church continued celebrating the seventh - day Sabbath.

Once a Christian accepts that the seventh - day Sabbath is Holy and a law of God, the question arises — how does a person properly keep the <u>Sabbath command</u>? The Bible provides Christians many principles on how to keep the Sabbath.

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Four principles about how to keep the Sabbath

We keep the Sabbath by abstaining from work. The seventh-day Sabbath was the day God rested from HIS labors. <u>God</u> is <u>Spirit</u> and <u>cannot</u> get tired or worn out. The reason HE rested was to set an <u>example</u> for us. The Sabbath command in <u>Exodus 20:10</u> specifically states: "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work."

The Sabbath is a day when we pause from our normal labors and activities and rest for 24 hours on the seventh day of the week (from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday as the Bible counts time). Abstaining from work every Sabbath has tremendous physical and spiritual blessings for God's people.

2. We keep the Sabbath by **not** employing others to work for us.

The <u>Fourth Commandment</u> has specific implications for those who employ others to work for them (e.g. business owners). Not only are Sabbath - keepers to abstain from work, but also those who are employed by them and under their direct control.

The Sabbath command states that no work is to be done by "you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger who is within your gates" (Exodus 20:10). Though this was written to an agrarian society that practiced a certain form of indentured servitude, the principle that applies today is that employers should not have their employees work. Businesses owned by Sabbath - keepers should be closed on the Sabbath day.

3. We keep the Sabbath by attending Sabbath services. God did not just create the Sabbath so that HIS people could stay home and rest throughout the entire day. In order to bring HIS people together for fellowship and collective instruction and worship, God designed the seventh day as a day of convocation.

Throughout HIS life on earth, Jesus Christ assembled with others on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). God's people are specifically warned to not neglect "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). In Leviticus 23, the Sabbath is referred to as one of God's "Holy convocations" (verse 2). A convocation is a public meeting where God's people assemble together for the purpose of learning, worship and fellowship. Throughout HIS life on earth, Jesus Christ assembled with others on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). God's people are specifically warned to not neglect "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25).

Every Sabbath, the <u>Church of God</u>, a Worldwide Association, holds Sabbath services in cities around the world where members regularly assemble to hear Biblically based sermon messages, sing hymns of worship to God and fellowship with brethren of like mind.

4. We keep the Sabbath by enjoying a spiritually fulfilling Sabbath. On the Sabbath, we are to pause from our normal routines — our work, shopping, errands, activities, sports, television — and spend the day doing things that are spiritually focused. God created the Sabbath to be a spiritually refreshing and enjoyable experience for HIS people. Jesus Christ proclaimed that "the Sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27). Jesus, as "Lord of the Sabbath" (verse 28), reveals that the Sabbath was created for the benefit of human beings.

God wants us to take every seventh day and dedicate it to doing the things that strengthen our relationship with HIM. God wants us to "call the Sabbath a delight" (Isaiah 58:13). Some things we can do on the Sabbath (in addition to attending Sabbath services) to make the Sabbath a delight and strengthen our relationship with God are: use the Sabbath for extra <u>prayer</u> and <u>meditation</u>, spend more time than usual studying the Bible, spend quality time with family, spend time fellowshipping with other Christians, visit the <u>sick</u> or elderly and even enjoy some relaxing time in God's creation. These are just a few examples of appropriate things Christians can do to have a <u>spiritually</u> fulfilling Sabbath.

This brief answer covered four basic Biblical principles of how to keep the Sabbath as a Christian. This subject may raise other questions about what is and isn't appropriate to do on the Sabbath day. If you would like further guidance on how to properly observe the Sabbath, feel free to contact us.

For more on the Sabbath, read the articles in the section: "The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day."

Sabbath Day

An article by our founder, Theodore H. Epp, investigates this volatile issue in the Church today:

The Sabbath or the Lord's Day - Which?

Some religious groups teach that it is necessary to keep the Sabbath in order to be saved. They insist that we are still under the Law. Yet, for reasons not divulged, they assume the right to remove some of the restrictions laid down in the Bible with regard to keeping the Sabbath as a day of rest. So, while they contend that the keeping of the day is incumbent on the Christian, they change the nature of it by their own authority. This all adds to the confusion surrounding this annoying problem, for which the only satisfactory solution is found in the Bible.

The first reference to the Sabbath is found in Genesis 2:3: "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it HE rested from all HIS work which God had created and made." The root meaning of the words "Sabbath" and "rest," as referred to in Genesis, is "to cease." After having spent six days in HIS creative work, God ceased from HIS labors. The words "evening" and "morning," however, are missing in the description of this Sabbath day. This would indicate that the first Sabbath was a continuous rest, or a continuous ceasing from labor, until the time when man fell into sin. Then God once again began HIS labors in creating new creatures in Christ Jesus.

It cannot be overemphasized, however, that this was God's rest. No obligation on man's part to keep the Sabbath is even implied in this passage.

2500 Years of Silence

After this first mention of the Sabbath, there is silence for 2500 years; not a word is given concerning it. God instituted the covenant of the Law 430 years after HE had made the covenant of grace with Abraham.

The first mention of the Sabbath since the time when God ceased from HIS labors on the seventh day is found in Exodus 16:23: "Then he said to them, 'This is what the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a Holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.'"

Reference is also made to this in Nehemiah: "You came down also on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them just ordinances and true laws, good statutes

and <u>commandments</u>. You made known to them YOUR <u>Holy Sabbath</u>, and commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, by the hand of Moses Your servant" (9:13 - 14).

In Exodus 20:8 - 11 the Sabbath law is made a part of the Ten Commandments: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

Curiosity Aroused

Why did God not mention the Sabbath during those 2500 years?

The answer is evident when the purpose for which the Sabbath was given is realized. Exodus 31:13 - 17 must be carefully considered: "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely MY Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between ME and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is Holy to you.

Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among HIS people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, is Holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore, the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between ME and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day HE rested and was refreshed.'"

Ezekial 20:12 says, "Moreover I also gave them MY Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and ME, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them." The Sabbath was especially instituted as a sign of separation for Israel. Any person of Israel not keeping the Sabbath was to be cut off from his people.

Since it was instituted as a special sign for Israel, it could be enforced only as long as Israel was in the land of Palestine as a nation and was on proper terms with God. According to the foreknowledge of God, the Israelites were to be scattered soon after the crucifixion of Christ, and the Book of Galatians teaches that the Law was given by Moses until Christ died: "What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through Angels by the hand of a mediator" (3:19). Even though Israel is back in the land now, she has not recognized her God; consequently, the sign-the Sabbath - is not yet enforced.

Christ and the Sabbath

Did Christ keep the Sabbath? Certainly, HE did. Some Scripture passages will show why Jesus kept the Sabbath on earth.

In the first place, <u>John 1:11</u> says that "HE came to HIS own" - that is, the Jews. HE came for HIS own - the Jews. HE was made under the Law and was part of the nation of Israel. The Law was <u>not</u> yet set aside. <u>Galatians 4:4</u> tells that HE came to HIS own: "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth HIS Son, born of a woman, born under the law."

Jesus, being a Jew and living in the time when the Law was still in force, had to keep the Law, too, including the law of the Sabbath. HE did not come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it: "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17 - 18). As far as any human being is concerned, Christ is the only One who ever kept the Law perfectly. This proves HIS sinlessness.

The four Gospels, which record the history of Christ's life on earth, mention the Sabbath at least 50 times. It was observed by all Jews because until the crucifixion, the disciples, as well as Christ, were still under the Law. Not until HE cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30) was the Law completely fulfilled.

But notice - and this is very important - Christ is **not** spoken of once as keeping the Sabbath after the crucifixion. Instead, HE left us the example of the Lord's Day.

Paul and the Sabbath

What about Paul? He observed the Sabbath with the Jews until he turned completely to reaching the Gentiles. In <u>Acts 18:4 - 6</u> Paul cleared himself of his responsibility toward his people, the Jews, and turned to the Gentiles: "And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the <u>Spirit</u>, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. But when they <u>opposed</u> him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, 'Your <u>blood</u> be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.'"

Before chapter 18 the Sabbath is mentioned eight times in the Book of the Acts. The reason for this is that Paul visited the Jew first and, of course, that was most easily done on the Sabbath, for the Jews kept the Sabbath. But when he met with the church, he always did this on the first day of the week. After Acts 18 the Sabbath is not mentioned once in the Scriptures, with the exception of Colossians 2:16: "Therefore let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths." Here it is merely mentioned, showing that it has been abolished in view of the Dispensation of Grace.

It is also noted that the other apostles observed the Sabbath together with the Jews, but they did this only when they went to the places where the Jews were. After Acts 18 we do not find another mention of the Sabbath in all of Scripture, with the one exception mentioned above.

Although the apostles met with the Jews on the Sabbath day to be as Paul said, "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22), when they met with Christians, or the church, they met on the first day of the week (Luke 24:1; John 20:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10)."

From the above statements it can be clearly seen that the apostles, including Paul, understood very well the place and purpose of the Sabbath. It was a sign for the Jews, beginning with Moses and ending with the crucifixion of Christ. It is interesting to note that once the Jews are regathered and recognize God as their King, the Sabbath will be observed again (Ezekiel 36:16 - 38). Isaiah 56:2 - 3 also speaks of this time: "Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps from defiling the Sabbath and keeps his hand from doing any evil. Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD speak, saying, 'The LORD has utterly separated me from HIS people'; nor let the eunuch say, 'Here I am, a dry tree.'"

Since the members of HIS Body, the Church, are considered by HIM to be neither Jew nor Gentile, the Sabbath is not for their observance. They are new creatures in Christ Jesus: "For HE Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, having abolished in HIS flesh the enmity, that is, the law of <u>commandments</u> contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace." (<u>Ephesians 2:14 - 15</u>).

As we have seen, the Sabbath in God's plan concerns only Israel. Note these truths: (1) the Sabbath law was given in Exodus 16 - 2500 years after creation; (2) it was given as a sign to Israel (Exodus 31:12 - 1); (3) since Israel is scattered, the Sabbath is not now observed; the Law was finished, according to Galatians 3:19, in Christ; (4) when the Jews are reestablished as God's earthly nation, the Sabbath will again be observed. Could there be a simpler explanation than this?

Special Restrictions of the Sabbath Law

There are certain facets of the Sabbath law that must be considered. First, a man was not allowed to leave his home. "See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore, HE gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day" (Exodus 16:29).

Second, a man was **not** even allowed to work or to build a **fire**: "Then Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, 'These are the words which the LORD has commanded you to do: Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a Holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD.

Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. You shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations on the Sabbath day" (35:1 - 3).

"Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.' So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died" (Numbers 15:32 - 36).

Since God gave the <u>commandment</u> of the Sabbath to Israel in the land of Palestine, which has a warm climate, it was very practical. The law which prohibited building a fire on the Sabbath would <u>not</u> be practical for people living in certain climates, because they could <u>not</u> very easily go without heat in the winter.

But far more crucial is the fact that those who attempt to keep God's Sabbath, which was meant for Israel, immediately place themselves under the curse of the Law. <u>Galatians</u> 3:10 makes this clear: "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.'"

<u>James 2:10</u> states, "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all." If a person fails to keep all of the Law, he is under that <u>curse</u>. Anyone in this category would do well to admit his <u>sinfulness</u> and to come under God's grace, for that is his only hope.

The keeping of the Law is an impossibility to man in the flesh; no one can be justified before God through it. "Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law" (Galatians 3:21). Only God's grace can save us (Ephesians 2:8 - 9). Salvation is not the reward for a Holy life but the gift of God to a sinner deserving judgment.

The Law was given to show the exceeding sinfulness of sin (Romans 3:20; 7:1). To confess that salvation by Law is unattainable by man humbles him but exalts the holiness of the Law. On the other hand, to claim salvation by Law-keeping exalts man but lowers the righteousness of the Law.

God has provided only one way of salvation: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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The So - Called Christian Sabbath

This naturally brings up another question: Which day, then, is the Sabbath? Saturday, of course. There is no such thing as a "Christian Sabbath." No one has a right to call the Lord's Day the Christian Sabbath. Too many fellow believers are unconsciously and ignorantly referring to it in this way, and for this reason there is much confusion.

What day, then, should Christians set aside?

There is no <u>commandment</u> given to Christians in this area. Every day of the week belongs to God. The idea of worshiping God one day in seven, whether it be the first or the seventh, and then living for self the rest of the week is a grievous <u>evil</u> existing today.

People often think that they can go to church one day of the week, pray and sing a few hymns piously, and then live for the Devil the rest of the time. Every day is the Lord's, and Christians owe HIM their worship and devotion as much on Monday as on Saturday or Sunday.

The Christian's Day of Worship

Is there a day which believers should set aside to worship the Lord? There is one day the first day of the week. That is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead, and it is also the day HE chose to meet with HIS disciples after HIS resurrection. This was not a Sabbath day, or a rest day, it was a day of ceaseless activity. The Lord Jesus was very busy on the resurrection day. The false conception of so many is that Sunday is the Christian Sabbath, and since the Sabbath is a day of rest, the Sabbath laws are applied to Sunday. This has resulted in untold harm.

The average Christian, instead of making the Lord's Day one of service, has made it one of rest and feasting. That is not the purpose of the Lord's Day.

That is merely a perversion of the Jewish Sabbath day. Christians need to wake up and to grasp the meaning of this resurrection day. Souls need to be rescued from darkness, and only the gospel of Jesus Christ can accomplish this. "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

One might say, "But I don't dare mention that in my church; it would only stir up a lot of trouble." That is true. It is hard to stand against traditions, but I challenge each believer to yield himself to the Lord in this matter.

Thus, by the example of Christ Himself and later by the apostles, we see that the first day of the week, known as the Lord's Day, was especially set apart as a day of service for God.

Some seem to think that it is worse for one to sin on Sunday than on any other day of the week. I believe that this is wrong. The Bible teaches that it is displeasing to God for one to yield to the Devil on any day of the week. Christians must live so that their consciences will be void of offense before God every day. In addition, they can make Sunday a day of special worship and service.

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Remember the Sabbath Day

Special days are nothing new. Not by any means, when one considers the need most of us have to celebrate and commemorate — yes, and even to vegetate!

We love to celebrate our children's birthdays and those of our friends and loved ones. What would childhood be without balloons, candles and plenty of gifts to unwrap? We also commemorate heroic people, events and happenings.

So many have done so much to ensure the safety and well-being of our nation. Many have paid the ultimate sacrifice and have laid down their lives with gallantry. We honor them and miss them, so we set aside days to enter into a spirit of national pride and thanksgiving in a gesture of united patriotism.

And where would we be were it **not** for the men and women who have forged new pathways of hope for future generations? Men like Martin Luther King Jr., who defied great resistance because he had a dream that all people are equal in the eyes of God. Little wonder our nation consecrated a day in his honor – a day to remember. A day to give thanks. A day to listen and learn. A day, perhaps, to refocus, reanalyze and rejuvenate what ought to be.

God told us to "Remember the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8), not because HE needed a break from the work of creation but, rather, because HE had us in mind. I think HE wanted us to know that our worship of HIM is not a suggestion. God created us to be unique and purposeful. And the issue of worship lay at the heart of HIS divine purpose for us.

This <u>commandment</u> brings God, Jesus, Moses and man into focus. God occupies our prime consideration because HE did what only HE could do in the very act of creation. The Book of <u>Genesis</u> rolls out God's sequence of creation and provides the first clue concerning HIS divine order. God is the God of order.

And out of this order comes the need for people to stop and consider all that HE has done. This "consideration" is the very act of worship itself. And just as the Lord Jesus led us in every way through HIS example on Earth, so the Father leads us by stipulating a definite time and day to stop and worship HIM.

God's command to keep the Sabbath was **not** in any way meant to suggest that worship should be relegated to one day a week. Every day is God's day. Every minute is God's minute, because there is never a moment when God is **not** fully engaged in the lives of those for whom Christ died.

But as God looked on the people Moses was leading, HE knew them intimately. After all, HE had created them in intricate detail.

HE had "woven" them and "knit" them together – each individual, one stitch at a time. And HE knows the heart of man. Moses was simply the mediator between God and HIS creation – and God knew full well that people could never live up to this <u>commandment</u> to keep the Sabbath Holy.

And so, when Jesus Christ came to Earth, HE came **not** to replace this law, but rather to fulfill it. Moses does **not** run the believer's life. If he did, then the believer would be subject to the legal interpretation of the law and would, in fact, fail to meet God's standards and would sin in HIS sight.

Jesus is the ONE to whom we must look for a clear understanding of this <u>commandment</u>. If Jesus came to fulfill the law, consider what HE did. On Thursday, HE went to the garden of HIS betrayal. In complete <u>obedience</u> to the Father, Jesus drank the cup of HIS suffering and went to the cross – thereby taking on Himself the <u>sin</u> of the world.

On Friday, HE hung on the cross. Satan must have been "licking his chops" with satisfaction at the thought of having killed the Messiah. On Saturday, Jesus lay in the grave.

But on Sunday, everything came to life. The stone was rolled away and our Savior stepped forth in majestic glory, having been raised from the dead by the power of God. That same day, believers came to the tomb with the intention of anointing HIS body with spices. On that day they saw the empty tomb and heard Jesus speak. On that day Jesus presented Himself to them. On that day they ran and shared the Good News with others.

On that day they brought their friends to see this for themselves. On that day Jesus appeared to HIS friends on the road to Emmaus. On that day HE talked with them and walked with them. On that day their eyes were opened and they knew that HE was "the way, the truth, and the life." On that day they cooked food and ate with HIM. On that day HE taught them, and they went on their way rejoicing because they had been in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and had worshiped HIM.

What a day! A day of worship. A day of remembrance. A day of witness. A day of giving. A day of identification. A day of instruction and learning. A day of rejoicing.

Jesus showed us what to do about this special day. HE showed us what to expect and how to act.

There are varying viewpoints regarding specifically when the Sabbath should be observed. Messianic Jews and some other believers observe the traditional Jewish "Shabbat" – sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. A majority of evangelicals regard Sunday as "the Lord's Day," on which churches hold their primary worship services, in keeping with the day of Jesus' resurrection. And others believe the point is to set aside one day per week – any day – to rest and focus on the Lord.

We must be careful about this special day. Yes, indeed, every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. Every day is cause for worship, just as every day is another opportunity for someone to place their faith and trust in Jesus Christ and be saved.

Here's the bottom line. God took time out from HIS labor and HE told us to do the same thing. HE also instructed us to "keep this day holy." Perhaps some serious reflection is in order.

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Why keep the Sabbath day?

Questions? - **Our Newsletter**

Why should Christians keep God's Sabbath day of rest and worship? Should we honor our Creator on a Saturday or a Sunday?

The seventh day Sabbath was set aside for all mankind at Creation. After making the entire universe, God created this time of worship by his own example of resting!

HE personally blessed it by giving it his undivided attention. The Sabbath is so important that it is the only day in the Bible given a name (and not merely referred to by a number).

And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because on it HE rested from all HIS work which God had created and made... but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, in it there shall be none. (Genesis 2:3, Exodus 16:26, HBFV throughout)

The Sabbath or <u>fourth Commandment</u>, embedded at the heart of the Decalogue, specifies an exact period of time God commands humans to rest. The <u>Ten Commandments</u> were so important to God that he used his own finger to write them on tables of stone for the children of Israel!

Jesus kept it.

Our Savior led a sinless life so that he could become the perfect sacrifice for our sins. HE obeyed his Father in all things and kept all of HIS <u>commandments</u>. Jesus' custom throughout HIS life and ministry was to keep Holy the Biblical period of rest (Luke 4:16). In fact, HE <u>not</u> only kept it but also claimed he created it (Mark 2:28)!

The early church and Paul kept it.

The apostles faithfully observed the seventh day Sabbath rest from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday (see our article entitled, "Why Church on SUNDAY?" for more information). Rather than abandon the fourth commandment as some 'burden' believers no longer had to follow, the early church, especially the apostle Paul, regularly kept and preached on a Saturday Sabbath (Acts 13:14, see also 16:13 and 18:4).

Time is not lost

The integrity of the seven-day cycle has been preserved since the Eternal created the first week (Genesis 1 - 2). Regardless of the name given them in various cultures and languages over time, what we call Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday have remained in that order throughout history. This means that the seventh day Sabbath God made Holy at creation and confirmed in HIS commandments corresponds to our Saturday.

Adopted for non - Biblical reasons

The change from a Saturday to Sunday Sabbath did not come out of the Bible but was a post-apostolic tradition adopted by the church! The change was based entirely on the Roman Catholic Church's belief it had the authority, directly from God, to change the day of worship. There are at least two major factors which led the Christian church to reject keeping the <u>fourth commandment</u> or Sabbath on Saturday and move toward worshipping God on Sunday.

"The first, anti - Judaism, which appears to have caused a widespread devaluation and repudiation of the Sabbath, thereby creating the exigency of a new day of worship.

The second, the development of Sun - cults with the consequent enhancement of the day of the Sun over that of Saturn . . ." (Samuele Bacchiocchi, From Sabbath to Sunday, 1980, page 269)

"It appears that because of the exigency which arose to separate from the Jews and their Sabbath, Gentile Christians adopted the venerable day of the Sun (Sunday), since it provided an adequate time and symbolism to commemorate significant divine events . . . such as the creation of light and the resurrection of the Sun of Justice." (ibid, page 301)

It behooves those who consider themselves Christians to study the Sabbath in the Bible and examine the facts regarding Christianity's overwhelming acceptance of worshipping God on the day of the Sun (Sunday). In the end, it will all boil down to one simple question. Do you wish to keep the traditions of men or the words of God?

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How families can keep the Sabbath when the world interferes

Keeping the Sabbath isn't optional, at least not in God's book. But observing the day of rest prescribed in the 10 Commandments can be difficult for busy families. Families who keep the Sabbath share their tips.

Keeping the Sabbath isn't optional, at least not in God's book. But observing the day of rest prescribed in the 10 Commandments can be more difficult for busy families than honoring their parents or not swearing.

"The fact is, everybody's having trouble with this right now. There are surprisingly few people who are doing it," said Dr. Matthew Sleeth, the author of "24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier and Happier Life" and a proponent of rigorous Sabbath keeping.

In a recent Descret News survey, just 38 percent of respondents said they "strongly agreed" that it's important for society to have a day of spiritual rest, and only half said the Sabbath has personal spiritual meaning, compared to 74 percent in a 1978 Gallup poll.

Moreover, people were more likely to go shopping (30 percent) than to a religious service (27 percent) on the Sabbath of their religious tradition, the survey said. The poll of 1,000 adults nationwide, which also had an over sample of 250 Mormons and 250 Jews, was designed by Y2 Analytics and fielded by YouGov for the Deseret News.

To Sleeth, who left emergency medicine in order to start a nonprofit organization that teaches Christian stewardship, the Sabbath was a "cultural treasure" that was stolen from our generation. "We decided we were going to give it up and see how it goes. I don't think it's going very well," he said.

Sleeth and his staff at <u>Blessed Earth</u> ministries, headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky, now speak to people across the country about reclaiming the Sabbath. "It's <u>not</u> easy, but once you get it, and get it right, it's the most joyful thing ever," he said.

This is because to function optimally, human beings need rest, and with the onslaught of technology and 24 - 7 availability, the five-day workweek is becoming a myth.

Whether we believe the Sabbath is a <u>commandment</u> from God or a recommendation, whether we mark it on Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday, the Bible deems the day Holy, and the intent was clear: It is a day on which no work is to be done.

When we honor the <u>commandment</u>, we are happier and healthier; our <u>blood</u> pressure falls, as well as our levels of stress hormones like cortisol. Studies about the "Type A city" have shown that a persistent <u>fast pace</u> of life contributes to coronary artery <u>disease</u>.

We even <u>eat less</u> when we slow down. We're likely to catch <u>fewer colds</u>. And when we do return to work, we'll be more focused and <u>productive</u>.

And keeping the Sabbath makes us holier, Sleeth said. "When we keep it, all the <u>10</u> <u>Commandments</u> come to pass," he said, because relationships are strengthened when we make time for them.

Sleeth goes so far as to say the Sabbath is "irrefutable proof" that God is real. "It is so sublime that no person — much less a committee — could have invented it," Sleeth writes in "24/6, A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life," his 2012 book that promotes Sabbath keeping.

Other people who observe the Sabbath agree that the practice has profoundly affected their family life.

Steve Gajdosik, a father of seven in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is a Catholic who doesn't allow his children to play organized sports on Sunday, because that is their family's Sabbath.

"We go to Mass together in the morning, we eat together, we recreate together. We might watch a ball game if the Panthers are playing and it's the Super Bowl, but generally, we don't do anything other than the basic chores we have to do. And we don't go shop," Gajdosik said.

The day is important, Gajdosik said, because as with all moral laws, it's ultimately good for us. "You look at society, and the family is disintegrating, and one reason is that we don't spend enough time together," he said.

A 'deeply meaningful' practice

In Pittsburgh, writer Abby Schachter marks the traditional Jewish Sabbath, 25 hours from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, with her husband and four children, ages 2 through 8.

"They aren't yet at the place where their peers are asking them why they can't do X, Y or Z," Schachter said. But by the time they are, the rituals will be ingrained, she said.

"The idea of the Sabbath for Jews is to separate, literally, one day from the rest of the week. You're supposed to be engaging in very different activities: eating and socializing and enjoying a little bit more quiet and downtime and prayer," said Schachter, author of the forthcoming book "No Child Left Alone."

"When we first started observing a ritual Friday - night dinner, lighting candles and saying the blessings over bread and wine, it felt a lot like play acting. It's **not** something that comes naturally.

"The value comes in repeating the process over and over. It is deeply meaningful now because it is embedded in our family's life now. It reinforces that our family is a unit, and this is how we operate. And it's a lot easier to do it when it's attached to something larger than yourself," she said. "We are doing this, not only with living Jewish people, but also every Jewish person who has ever lived."

For people in the ministry, keeping the Sabbath presents a particular challenge, since they have to work so others can observe the day.

The Rev. <u>Keith Anderson</u>, a Lutheran pastor near Philadelphia, takes Saturday off and also reserves Sunday afternoon to be with his wife and four children. "It's a challenge, but we recognize that we all have a saturation point; neither we nor the kids can keep it going 24/7," Anderson said.

The family also tries to take "Sabbath moments" all through the week, using the time to unplug and focus on each other.

Sleeth recommends something similar for people who see the value of the Sabbath observance, but struggle to make it happen in their lives.

"If you can't fathom 24 hours without work, pick out four hours: say, Sunday morning between 8 and noon. Close the computer, turn the phone off; the world will still spin if you disconnect for four hours," Sleeth said. "What we've found is that when people get a taste of it, they'll expand it."

Ways to start

Blessed Earth teaches Sabbath keeping at churches and conferences of all denominations across the country; he's even advocated it to a medical group, on grounds that it would improve the quality of life for physicians.

When Sleeth met with a group of United Methodist ministers in North Carolina, he found that only 9 percent of them kept the Sabbath regularly. After learning more about the importance of observing the Sabbath, within two years, 35 percent of them did.

It's as if learning the benefits gives them permission to take a day off, even though it may be a struggle at first.

"If you work on this, it gets better, but you have to be intentional about this," Sleeth said. Preparation is essential, he said. In his own household, Sleeth and his wife prepare by cleaning and shopping in advance.

Schachter, the writer who attends a conservative synagogue in Pittsburgh, also said that the rewards of keeping Sabbath grow over time, and people should give themselves time to embrace the tradition.

"The first time you do anything, it's **not** going to feel natural, so make plans to do it at least three times. You can't create a habit the first time," she said.

Sleeth quips that, in the Bible, only one being was busy: satan, who in the Book of Job told God he was "going to and fro on the earth and walking up and down on it."

For people who are similarly busy going to and fro, writing out a "Sabbath plan" may help. Blessed Earth offers a <u>worksheet</u> that encourages people to think about potential temptations, activities that renew your <u>spirit</u> and people with whom you can share your journey.

And if it's still a struggle, forgive yourself. Sleeth said a Catholic archbishop recently told him how hard he finds it to observe the Sabbath.

A planned treat may help. In ancient times, Jewish children were given a teaspoon of honey at the start of the Sabbath, so they would know they were about to experience something sweet. For Sleeth and his wife, their strictly enforced Sabbath includes spending time with their grown children, reading books and taking a walk. "And I sometimes start the day with ice cream — why not?"

But be prepared for resistance from a world that would rather shop than go to church or reflect on the spiritual aspects of life. "Keeping a Sabbath is the most countercultural thing you can do. Not getting your hair dyed purple — a zillion other people are going to do that today," Sleeth said.

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5 Ways To Keep The Sabbath Day Holy

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The fourth of the ten commandments is: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy" (Exodus 20:8, ESV), but what does that really mean in our lives today? We know that God created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh. We know that HE blessed the Sabbath day and told us to dedicate this day to the Lord our God. What's not always clear is exactly how we Christians can carry out the will of our Lord. It's okay (even encouraged) to prayerfully meditate on this issue and listen as God reveals his intentions to each of us. In the meantime, here are some ideas to consider while keeping the Sabbath Holy:

SPEND TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

Keeping of the Sabbath was a sign of the covenant between Israel and the Lord: "You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come" (Exodus 31:13). As Israel kept the Sabbath set apart, they were reminded that they were also being set apart: "So you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you Holy" (verse 13). Believers today, being under the New Covenant, are not bound to keep the sign of the Old Covenant. It's a great idea, however, to use the Sabbath as day to join together as a family both in times of prayer and in times of rest.

GO TO CHURCH!

God instructed us to keep the Sabbath Holy. This phrase in English is only one word in Hebrew. It means "consecrate," "set apart," or "sanctify." The Israelites were to make a distinction between the seventh day and the rest of the week. The Sabbath was different. It was to be dedicated to the Lord. The priests were to double the daily sacrifices on the Sabbath (Numbers 28:9 - 10), marking the day with increased sacred activity. The rest of the Israelites were to mark the day with decreased activity - no work at all-in honor of the Lord. Today, going to church and joining together in worship and prayer helps us to honor this intention of the Sabbath day.

TURN OFF YOUR DEVICES

The word Sabbath comes from a Hebrew word meaning "day of rest." The Bible specifies that this day of rest is the seventh - day of the week, what we would call "Saturday," or in the Israelite mindset, sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday.

God set the pattern for the Sabbath rest in Genesis 2:2, ceasing from HIS work of creation on the seventh day. God's action (or, rather, HIS inaction) in Genesis 2 foreshadowed the Law's command in Exodus 20:8.

Resting meant abstaining from worldly work as well as removing ourselves from focusing on the world so that we can instead refocus more on the Lord. Turning off our devices can help tune out the noise and clutter that could keep us from turning our eyes toward our God.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

According to the Bible, every Christian has been given at least one spiritual gift to use in service to the body of Christ. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. "Amen." (1 Peter 4:10 - 11; compare Ephesians 4:11 - 16). Every member of every church should be serving in some way, and every servant of the Lord should remember that it's more than just serving others; it's loving them: "Serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13).

TAKE THE SERMON HOME WITH YOU

THIS IS THE ONLY COMMAND OF THE TEN THAT STARTS WITH THE WORD "REMEMBER". THIS COULD MEAN THAT THE SABBATH COMMAND HAD BEEN GIVEN EARLIER - IN FACT, GOD HAD DECREED A SABBATH REST IN EXODUS 16:22-30. OR THE WORD REMEMBER COULD SIMPLY MEAN "KEEP THIS COMMAND IN MIND" WITH NO REFERENCE TO AN EARLIER DIRECTIVE. REGARDLESS, THE WORD IS EMPHATIC; THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE NOT TO GROW LAX IN THEIR OBSERVATION OF THIS COMMAND. TO REMEMBER THIS COMMANDMENT IS ALSO TO REMEMBER THE FOCUS OF THE DAY – IT'S NOT ON OURSELVES OR ON FOLLOWING THE LAW, BUT ON GLORIFYING OUR LORD AND LIVING OUT HIS DIVINE WILL. TAKE SPECIAL CARE TO LISTEN TO HIS WORD AND TO HOLD IN YOUR HEART HIS INTENTIONS AND MEANINGS FOR YOU THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THE WEEK, AND YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

STUDENTS BREAK INTO "HALLELUJAH" IN HALLWAY — HARMONIES INSTANTLY GIVE EVERYONE CHILLS.

Students Break Into "Hallelujah" In Hallway — Harmonies Instantly Give Everyone Chills. WOW!

There are certain songs that always elicit an emotional response, and "Hallelujah" is one that never fails to give us chills whenever we hear it.

In a video uploaded to YouTube by a student named Spencer Logsdon, a high school chorus is warming up before a concert in the hallway of their school, when they start singing "Hallelujah." Instantly everyone around them stops what they're doing in order to listen to this beautiful song.

In spite of the fact that the group is gathered in a dingy high school hallway, we're transfixed by the beauty of their voices and the sincerity of their performance.

These students attend Vestavia Hills High School in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Even though there are fewer than twenty chorus members standing in a circle, when they lift their voices up in song, they sound like professional singers giving the performance of their lives.

All of the onlookers had to pull out their cameras to record this intense moment. One male student takes the lead on the song, but later a female soloist joins in and gives us absolute goosebumps!

What a fantastic group of talented singers! Watch the video below and don't forget to share it with someone who loves this song!

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You shall not commit adultery.

Why is "You shall not commit adultery" in the Ten Commandments?

Question: "Why is 'You shall not commit adultery' in the Ten Commandments?"

Answer: Before we can answer this question, we need to be clear on the definition of adultery. The dictionary defines "adultery" as "voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his or her spouse." The Bible would concur with this definition. In Leviticus 18:20, God told Moses, "Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her," and in Deuteronomy 22:22, we find a similar definition: "If a man is found sleeping with another man's wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die." It is clear from these definitions that adultery refers to a consensual sexual union. What is not explicitly clear is whether or not both partners in this illicit sexual union are married.

The biblical commands prohibit a man from taking another man's wife, but do not indicate whether or not the man is also married. Be that as it may, it is safe to say that if a person who is married willingly seeks a sexual encounter with another person, whether or not that person is also married, both people are guilty of committing adultery.

God's reasons for instituting HIS <u>commandment</u> against <u>adultery</u> are two-fold. First, God established the institution of marriage as being between one man and one woman (<u>Genesis 2:24</u>; reiterated by <u>Jesus in Matthew 19:5</u> and parallel passages). God created marriage to be the building block of HIS creation and of society. Even after the fall (<u>Genesis 3</u>), marriage is still a sacred union and the foundation for society.

In marriage, the full expression of the image of God is made manifest as the man and the woman complement and complete each other. The Bible also teaches us that marriage is the vehicle through which God designed the procreation of the human race and the preservation of godly offspring (Genesis 1:28, 9:1; Malachi 2:15). With such a premium placed on marriage, it's no wonder God would seek to protect this union from defilement (Hebrews 13:4), and thus prohibit adultery, which is the violation of the sacred marriage union.

The second reason for the <u>commandment</u> is found in <u>Leviticus 18:1 - 5</u>. As God's chosen people, the Israelites were to reflect God's character in the Promised Land.

God commanded HIS people to be Holy for HE is Holy (Leviticus 11:44), and part of Holy living is sexual purity. God did not want HIS people emulating the behavior of the Egyptians from whom HE delivered them, nor did God want HIS people copying the behavior of the people into whose land HE was bringing them. The implication was that adultery (and other sexual sins) was commonplace in the lands where the Israelites had been and were going to.

So now we know what adultery is and why God instituted this command. Finally, we need to learn what God meant by the command itself. As with all of the Ten Commandments, there are things we need to avoid doing (the negative part of the command) and things we need to be doing (the positive part of the command). The negative part of the command is self-explanatory: Do not commit adultery. However, there is more to this command than the simple avoidance of extramarital relationships. One can make the argument that wrapped up in this prohibition are all sorts of sexual sin (e.g., incest, fornication, homosexuality, etc.), and that argument can be made on the basis of chapters such as Leviticus 18. Also important is avoiding things that would lead or tempt one to consider adultery, such as the unnecessary withholding of conjugal rights (1 Corinthians 7:1 - 5). Jesus, in HIS Sermon on the Mount, made further clarification of this command (Matthew 5:27 - 30) by including all kinds of lustful thoughts. Fantasizing about having sexual relations with someone is the same, in God's eyes, as actually committing adultery. Therefore, we must avoid all things that would create within us lustful thoughts (e.g., suggestive songs, sensuous movies, pornography, etc.).

We should also avoid immodest clothing or anything that might cause a brother or sister in the Lord to stumble in this area (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3).

The positive part of the <u>command</u> would entail doing the opposite of what the <u>command</u> prohibits: chastity in body, mind, words and action; keeping watch over what we take in with our eyes and the other senses; an attitude of temperance and self-control (i.e., moderation); being discerning over the company we keep; dressing modestly; and fulfilling our marriage vows in regard to any sexual relations and cohabitation. Regarding sexual sin, the Apostle Paul said, "Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body" (1 Corinthians 6:18). When it comes to sexual sin, the best course of action is to remove ourselves from temptation and avoid such situations altogether.

Adultery is the complete corruption of God's good creation of marriage.

Through the sin of adultery, satan tempts us to seek sexual fulfillment in avenues other than the one God has ordained — within the bounds of monogamous, heterosexual marriage. Adultery rips at the fabric of society because it tears apart marriages and families which are the building blocks of society. God's law in general, and the 7th commandment in particular, is held up as the standard for Christian behavior.

https://www.gotquestions.org/you-shall-not-commit-adultery.html

He (in red) said, "I (satan's demons) is coming to deceive your teenagers. I am (satan's demons) coming to mis-direct them away from you (mon and dad) away into their own destruction – self – affliction – to think only of themselves and move them to suicide which you parents can not stop. I am here to completely destroy them away from you.

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<u>Seventh Commandment</u>: You Shall Not Commit Adultery God intended the <u>sexual</u> relationship between a husband and wife to be an exclusive, intimate bond to strengthen the <u>marriage</u> relationship.

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"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and HE took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man HE made into a woman, and HE brought her to the man.

"And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:18, 21 - 24).

So, the prohibition of extramarital sex — adultery — was designed to protect the sanctity of marriage and show the importance of faithfulness.

The spirit of the Seventh Commandment

Jesus Christ expanded on the <u>Seventh Commandment</u> to show the <u>spirit</u> of the law. HE said even looking lustfully is mental <u>adultery</u>: "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall <u>not</u> commit <u>adultery</u>.'

But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to <u>lust</u> for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to <u>sin</u>, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into <u>hell</u>" (Matthew 5:27 - 29).

Some people in the first century, as today, felt that natural appetites must be fulfilled. The apostle <u>Paul</u> described this approach and countered it in his first letter to the Corinthians. "Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods [this was their argument], but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" (1 Corinthians 6:13). Paul explained that the God who created our bodies and who wants to live in us, wants us to be pure.

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(1 Corinthians 6:18). We must not give in to sexual lust and temptation, following the example of Joseph who fled from the advances of his master's wife (Genesis 39:6 - 20).

All sex outside of marriage prohibited

Any type of sex outside of marriage is prohibited. Paul said <u>premarital sex</u>, adultery, homosexuality and other sins would keep a person out of the <u>Kingdom of God</u>: "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.

Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9 - 10).

But God provides a way out of wrong sexual lifestyles and sins through <u>repentance</u> and <u>conversion</u>: "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11). God offers to wash away our <u>sinful</u> past and give us a clean, pure heart.

Sex in marriage is pure and good: "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). Don't let society cheapen sex into a biological drive, an itch to be scratched or a hedonistic extreme sport. Read Solomon's warnings about the lure of immorality and its consequences compared to the joy of committed love (Proverbs 5:1 - 20).

Solomon's poetic conclusion is: "Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love. For why should you, MY son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, and be embraced in the arms of a seductress?" (Proverbs 5:18 - 20).

Study more about what the Bible says is sexual sin and why, as well as how to overcome it, in our article "Questions About Sex Answered From the Bible." See also these related resources that show how to apply the Seventh Commandment today: "Is Pornography a Sin?" "Is Fantasy Harmless?" "Freedom From Addiction: Pornography" "Fighting the Works of the Flesh: Adultery" and "Fighting the Works of the Flesh: Sex Outside of Marriage."

Spiritual adultery

God considers adultery as unfaithfulness to the marriage covenant, and so HE uses it as a type of spiritual unfaithfulness. Some of the most poignant descriptions of God's love also portray the treacherous betrayal of God's love and faithfulness by those who turn from HIM.

Ezekiel 16 is an extended analogy about God's love for HIS people, and their spiritual adultery against HIM and the terrible consequences.

God compared Israel to an abandoned girl HE cared for and then married and cherished: "'I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became MINE,' says the Lord GOD. ...

"You were exceedingly beautiful and succeeded to royalty. Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through MY splendor which I had bestowed on you,' says the Lord GOD. 'But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who would have it" (verses 8, 13 - 15).

Such spiritual adultery in ancient times often involved literal idols (Ezekiel 23:37), but today can involve anything that comes ahead of God in our lives, whether money, possessions, hobbies, entertainment or religious beliefs and customs not taught in the Bible.

Study more about spiritual faithfulness in our articles "Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness" and "Called and Chosen."

CONTINUE READING

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What STOPS Prayers from being answered?

Adultery and Fornication

Sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not his or her mate is as in real = > adultery.

The <u>Ten Commandments</u> contain the prohibition against <u>adultery</u>: "You shall <u>not</u> commit <u>adultery</u>" (Exodus 20:14). The reason is simple: Marriage is the foundation of society, and with it comes the responsibility of child rearing. Casual <u>sex</u> outside marriage <u>not</u> only imperils marriage but also destroys the paternal or maternal feeling for the children of the marriage, and blurs the lines of inheritance and family, clan and tribal relationships.

Fornication is sex between <u>two - unmarried people</u>. The apostle Paul said this is a <u>sin</u> against the body.

HE commands Christians to flee fornication as a sin against self and God, for the believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (see I Corinthians 6:18-19). Paul says that if a believer takes his body and joins it to a harlot (or someone who is immoral), he is joining Jesus Christ to that person (see I Corinthians 6:15-16).

It is very important to understand that neither fornicators nor adulterers will enter the kingdom of heaven (see I Corinthians 6:9-10). In today's world, the term fornication is rarely used and immorality between unmarried people is commonly accepted as a lifestyle. But immorality, however commonplace, is a sin that will keep millions of people out of heaven, unless they repent.

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4 People Witness Angels Pulling People From Car Wreck!!!

Four different people witness Angels pulling people from a two car wreck - people were pulled from both cars by Angels! One person, who was unconscious, and whose car was engulfed in flames, actually FLOATED IN THE AIR, OUT OF THE CAR, and the other person, who was a very heavy person, was pulled through an opening no wider than 8 inches!!!

If YOU called out real loud, "God help me?"

Okay. Does God even know YOU - that is for God to come and help YOU?

Do YOU have the power from God the Holy Spirit over the dark spirit of death?



Todd White - Lifestyle Christianity - A story of redemption

Todd was a drug addict and atheist for 22 years — when in 2004 — he was radically set free! Todd believes that redemption and righteousness are the foundational keys for living life as a new creation in Christ. Todd's foremost desire is to see the Holy Spirit flowing through believers everywhere that they go – at work, school, grocery stores, malls, gas stations, and more. Todd's true joy is being able to reproduce a 24/7 kingdom lifestyle in every believer. His heart is to activate people in the simplicity of who they really are and confront the barriers that hold them back from being who God created them to be. No one is excluded!

Lifestyle Christianity

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When I was a young man, I seemed to continually wrestle with knowing God's will for my life. I wanted more than anything to follow HIS plan. Interestingly, now that I'm "old" (currently 47 - years - old), I still wrestle with doing HIS will in my life.

I have come to learn that this is **not** just something that a young person does early in life; it is a lifelong pursuit in order to stay in the exact center of HIS plan and to trust in it!

So, then, how can we know God's plan for our lives?

Over the past twenty-five years that I have been in ministry, I have discovered eight vital keys to knowing God's will and plan for your life. Here they are:

1) Walk with God.

For starters, if you are interested in knowing God's plan for your life, then you must learn to walk with God. You need to develop a relationship with HIM. Christianity is all about relationship rather than just religion.

And so, you must cultivate your relationship with God. You must seek to know HIM and not just seek to know about HIM.

You will cultivate that relationship best by spending time in HIS Word, taking time for prayer, and taking every opportunity you can to be involved in church and small group Bible study opportunities. When you seek these disciplines in your life, God will begin the first steps to revealing HIS plan to you. Proverbs 3:5 - 6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct your paths.

2) Surrender your will to God's.

Many times, when we say we are seeking God's will, what we are really wanting to say to God is this: "OK, God, here's what I'm planning to do. Now I need you to rubber stamp this, all right?" I must tell you that this is not really effective in finding HIS true will.

Before God will begin to reveal HIS will to you, you must be committed to doing whatever it is that HE desires for you to do. God will likely be slow to show you HIS plan if HE knows you will likely not do that plan anyway. Romans 12:1 - 2

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Jesus was willing to die for us, so shouldn't we be willing to live for HIM?

When we surrender to HIM, that is when HE really begins to direct our steps.

3) Obey what you already know to be God's Will.

Many people seem to want to know what God's plan is for their lives, but they overlook the fact that 98% of HIS will is already delineated carefully through HIS Word.

God is very clear about many, many aspects of HIS will. For instance, it is clearly HIS plan that we abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

If we do not obey the things that God has shown us clearly to be HIS will, why would we think HE would reveal any further information regarding HIS plan for our lives?

Obedience is an important first step.

4) Seek Godly input.

One key component to finding God's will is to seek the input of godly advisors in your life. If you don't currently have 3 to 4 Godly mentors, then I would highly recommend that you seek them out right away.

Think of it this way: you should understand that you are basically a composite of the five people you spend the most time with. So, then, it is vital that you choose those three to five people well. If you choose to surround yourself with godly advisors, they will be instrumental in helping you discern God's plan for your life. But if you surround yourself with people who are far from God, your hope of finding HIS best for your life will be greatly diminished. Proverbs 11:14

Where there is **no** counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there https://goinswriter.com/tips-writing-book/e is safety.

The church is designed to help you greatly with this. I would encourage you to be in Church every single time the doors are opened. The more you involve yourself with a community of believers, the greater your chances will be of finding godly men and women who can help you discern God's will.

5) Pay attention to how God has wired you.

God has created you to fulfill a specific role in this world. There is no one else who can achieve completely what God has purposely created you to do.

The Apostle Peter gives us this admonition: 1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

God has gifted every one of us to perform a special mission for which we alone were created. How amazing is that? Wow!

So, when you seek to discover God's will for your life, pay attention to how HE has gifted you. HIS plan for you will always be directly related to the gifts that HE has bestowed upon you. The great news is that you will automatically be good at whatever it is that HE has called you to do!

6) Listen to God's Spirit.

I experienced a major turning point in my own prayer life when I learned simply to shut up while I was praying. That may sound odd to you, and it seemed odd to me at first.

You see, I used to do all the talking when I prayed to God. But then, several years ago, I read Bill Hybel's book, "Too Busy Not to Pray". That book completely changed the way I approached God through prayer. Since reading that book, I have added a significant component to my prayer life: listening. I take time to listen to what God might have to say to me.

Practically, the way I go about this is to bring a notepad with me when I sit down to pray. Then I write at the top of several page things like the following:

• "What is the next step in my career?"

- "What is the next step in my ministry?"
- "What is the next step for my family?"
- "What is the next step for my marriage?"
- "What is the next step in my education?"
- "What is the next step in my finances?"

During my prayer time, I meditate on questions such as the above. Often, God will start flooding my heart with ideas and information regarding one or more of those questions. I write as fast as I can as HE speaks to my heart. What a glorious experience that is to sense HIS Spirit on me, guiding my thoughts and words.

Through experiences like this, HE has shown me many times with great clarity what HIS will is for my life. I long for those experiences when HE speaks to me like that. Those times are truly life changing. John 10:27

My sheep hear MY voice, and I know them, and they follow ME.

²⁷) Listen to your heart.

In addition to listening to the Spirit, I also recommend listening to your heart. To understand my point here, consider the following passage: Psalms 37:4 - 5

⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD, and HER shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in HIM, and HE shall bring it to pass. (NKJV)

I love this passage, because it shows me that, when I am walking with the Lord, HE will actually let me do many really cool things that I actually love to do! When you are close to HIM, HE actually begins to shape your desires so that you desire the things that HE has already called you to do.

So then, HIS plan actually becomes a super-exciting adventure. I always have the most fun in life when I am doing God's will. And that is because HE shapes my personal "wanter" to want to do the things for which HE has actually created me.

8) Take a look at your circumstances.

God often clearly demonstrates HIS plan for our lives by lining up circumstances in obvious ways. And HE also shows us what HIS will is NOT for us to do in that same way. It is **not** HIS will for you to take the job that is **not** offered to you. If you are 5' 6" tall and weigh 125 lbs., it is not likely that God has created you to play professional football.

Over the years, I have discovered that God is pretty good at opening and closing doors. HE even did that for the Apostle Paul and his enterouge in Acts. Take a look at this passage: Acts 16:6 - 10

- ⁶Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.
- ⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.
 - ⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.
- ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
- ¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, even Paul had to face closed doors in his ministry. God often uses closed doors to show us clearly what HE does NOT want us to do. And HE also uses open doors at times to show us what HE DOES want us to do. Of course, this does not mean that every open door is definitely God's plan, but it does help to give you some basic direction.

A Closing Thought:

The next time you begin to ponder God's plan for your life, I would encourage you to mull over the above eight keys. Use these principles to help you to hone in on HIS plan. And when you seek HIS will earnestly, you will find it!

The wonderful benefit to be a New Testament Christian is that God has added a "want to" to the "have to" aspect of HIS commands. The Holy Spirit dwelling within us convicts, prompts, and inspires a desire to follow God wholeheartedly.

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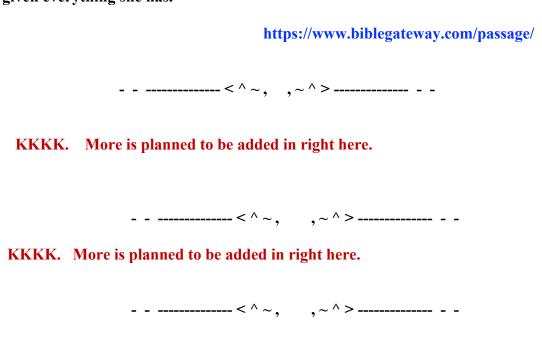
You can't manage even a little - Then the little you have will be taken.

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<u>Luke 21:4</u> = > For they have given a little of what they didn't need, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."



Children praying at IHOP (international house of prayer)

These are kids praying at IHOP-KC (the international house of prayer..)

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Fifteen Things God WON'T Ask: - (Author Unknown)

- 1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove => but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2. God won't ask the square footage of your house = > but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home
- 3. God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet => but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
- 4. God won't ask about your social status = > but will ask what kind of class you displayed.
- 5. God won't ask how many material possessions you had => but will ask if they dictated your life.
- 6. God won't ask what your highest salary was => but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
- 7. God won't ask how much overtime you worked => but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.
- 8. God won't ask how many promotions you received => but will ask how you promoted others.
- 9. God won't ask what your job title was = > but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 10. God won't ask what you did to help yourself = > but will ask what you did to help others.

- 11. God won't ask how many friends you had => but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.
- 12. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights = > but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
- 13. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived = > but will ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 14. God won't ask about the color of your skin = > but will ask about the content of your character.
- 15. God won't ask how many times your said deeds matched your words = > but will ask how many times it didn't.
- 16. God won't ask you if you loved your Grandma and Grandpa = > but will ask you if you stayed with them a week each spring and each fall if you had a relationship with them.

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