

What Does God Want From Me?

So often we make things in life more complicated than they need to be. We exhaust resources and spend our time to find answers to things that God has already made known to us. From the beginning He has wanted a relationship with us (*Gen. 3:8*). His Son came to make a way for that relationship to continue (*John 1:1&14*). But many times we fail to appreciate just what it is that God wants from us.

A. Learn to focus your life on the _____ things. (*Micah 6:6-8*)

1. We are wonderfully made (*Psalms 139:4*)
2. Keep serving from becoming just a duty and living by a list (*Matt. 23:23; Mal. 1:6-8, 14*)
 - a. Understand what He truly asks of us. *Micah 6:8* – Remember that you were created in His image (*Matt 5:7; Eph. 4:1*)
 - (1) Justice – He deserves all that He has asked of us (*Rev.4:11*)
 - (2) Loving Kindness – He has been so kind and forgiving to us, can we not do the same? (*Titus 3:4-5*)
 - (3) Walking Humbly with Him – (*James 4:8; Eph. 5:2,8*)

B. Put God in the place He _____ to be (*Ecc. 12:13*)

1. The Preacher in Ecclesiastes spends much of the book talking about the vanities of life. (*1:14,16-17; 2:11; 5:10; 9:11*) After considering all these saying from a few thousand years ago, is life much different now?
2. How much of what we do in this life is devoted to what is most important? (*Luke 10:38-42*).
3. Casting out vanity for the Fear of the Lord (*Psalms 33:8,18*)
 - a. We spend much time complicating our earthly life with worry and fear
 - b. The fear of the Lord & commitment to His commandments will re-direct the way we look at things (*Matt 6:25-33; Ps.37:25; Luke 22:24-26; Matt.10:28*)

C. Develop a heart that is _____ (*Mark 12:28-34*)

1. Jesus asserts that this is “the most important” command. Quoted from *Deut.6:5*
 - a. “All your heart” shows a relationship that starts from within (*Prov.4:23*)
 - b. “All your soul” speaks to your entire being honoring God
 - c. “All your strength” (might) encompassing every way you can, all you have
2. When we approach life with this thinking, understanding the depth of what Jesus means here, it changes how we go about what we do each day.

There is no need to struggle understanding what God wants from man. We don't have to wonder what to do. God has plainly told us in simple ways. The key is to be willing to change our focus to the things He has revealed and to have the trust needed to depend on His faithful fulfillment of all He has promised.