

I. The Proper Passion

1. Jesus was tempted by a lawyer associated with the Pharisees ([Mt. 22:34-36](#)).
 - a. A lawyer back then was an expert in the Law of Moses.
 - b. The Pharisees were strict interpreters of the law but also went beyond and left out parts of the law ([Ac. 26:5](#); [Mt. 23:2-4](#), [23-24](#)).
2. Jesus answered the lawyer's question by appealing to God's Law ([Mt. 22:37-38](#); cf. [Dt. 6:5](#)).
 - a. The pinnacle of all of God's commandments is to love Him with **all** of our being.
3. We love God and so we obey Him.
 - a. The saints love God because He first loved us ([1 Jn. 4:19](#)).
 - b. We **show** our love to God by obeying Him ([Jn. 14:15](#)).
 - c. This means **all** of what God has commanded ([Dt. 4:2](#); [Pr. 30:5-6](#); [Rev. 22:18-19](#)).
 - d. Sinners do not love God and so they do not obey Him ([Jn. 14:23-24](#); cf. [1 Jn. 4:8](#); [Rm. 1:18-32](#)).

II. The Proper Prioritization

1. We are all blessed by God to have twenty-four-hour days.
 - a. It has been that way since the beginning ([Gen. 1:5](#); [Jn. 11:9](#)).
 - b. We know the amount of time we have on this Earth is finite and moves swiftly ([Ps. 90:10-12](#); cf. [Job 7:6](#), [9:25](#); [Ps. 39:5](#), [Jm. 4:14](#)).
 - c. It is not a matter of not having time but how we **manage** the time that we have.
2. Jesus gave us the prioritization we must have ([Mt. 6:33](#)).
 - a. This is stated within the context of not worrying about physical necessities ([Mt. 6:25-34](#)).
 - b. Jesus said we must seek first the kingdom of God.
 - c. Jesus said we must seek first the righteousness of God.

III. How to Have the Proper Passion and Prioritization

1. I can only know God as He has revealed Himself ([Ps. 19](#); [Dt. 29:29](#); [Heb. 8:10-12](#); cf. [Jn. 10:14](#), [14:7-9](#)).

- a. God speaks to us through His Son today ([Heb. 1:1-2](#)).
 - b. The Son promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles to guide them into all truth ([Jn. 16:13](#)).
 - c. We have the written Word today through the inspired apostles and prophets ([Eph. 3:1-5](#)).
 - d. How well we know God is contingent on how well we know His Word ([2 Cor. 5:7](#); [Rm. 10:17](#); cf. [Pr. 1:7](#), [9:10](#), [4:7](#)).
 - e. How well we know His Word impacts our righteousness ([Ps. 119:142, 144, 160](#); cf. [Ps. 19:7, 9](#); [Rm. 1:16-17](#)).
 - f. To have the proper passion and prioritization I must be in the Word daily ([Ac. 17:11](#)).
2. A proper relationship must have balanced communication.
- a. Since God speaks to us through His written Word, we must speak to Him through the avenue of prayer ([Ac. 2:42](#); [Rm. 12:12](#); [1 Th. 5:17](#); cf. [Ps. 62:8](#); [1 Jn. 3:22, 5:14-15](#); [1 Tim. 2:1-4](#); [Php. 4:6](#); [Lk. 18:1-8](#)).
 - b. When we love God we should love His people—the church ([1 Jn. 4:20-21](#)).
3. Assemble with the saints at every possible opportunity ([Heb. 10:22-39](#)).
- a. Bible study periods are established to aid in God’s communication to us and our communication to Him.
 - b. We all need encouragement from time to time ([Heb. 10:25](#)).
 - c. God is not going to force anyone to do anything as it relates to assembling.
 - d. What is of greater importance in my life than assembling with the saints?
 - e. We love Jesus so we love His bride, the church ([Eph. 5:22-32](#)).
 - f. We love Jesus so we should love one another and want to be around one another ([1 Jn. 4:7-11](#)).
 - g. Heaven will be unending (eternal) fellowship with God and the faithful saints from all ages ([Rev. 7:9-17](#)).