

These Simple Truths
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Church/Religion tends to get complex. The Gospel/God is not intended to be complex concerning His will and purpose as it pertains to us.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit...

People try to make God many things, but He's a Spirit. We must worship in spirit and in truth. We came to worship The Spirit.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Fear God, and keep His commandments
John 14:15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments

If a child loves its parents, then it will obey. There is a relationship between God and man. In our final days, God won't ask to see a diploma or a gold watch, He will ask about our relationships. God considers relationships to be the most valuable things.

Mark 12:29-31 ...love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul...

The foundation of God's relationship is love.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...

Life is all about love; God is love. God doesn't invest in us to demand a return, or to force us to serve Him.

Luke 6:35 Love your enemies...

The best use of life is love. It isn't easy to learn to love unconditionally (it goes against human nature); that's why God has given us an entire lifetime to learn it.

1 Corinthians 13:3 all the good deeds in the world don't mean anything without love

Relationships are what matter most, not achievements, the acquisition of things. Draw nigh to God. Why is it that some people never seem to worry about anything, while others worry about even the smallest of things? Those who have learned to lean on God in good times lean more heavily on God in rough times. Draw closer to God and find comfort.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you...

The best expression of love is how you spend your money and your time. Time is the most precious gift because you can make more money, but you can't make more time. We don't get rollover minutes.

1 John 3:18 ...let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Relationships with God and people take time and effort. The best way to spell love is T I M E. I value you enough to give you my most precious asset: my time.

Galatians 6:10 ...do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Luke 10:27-28 Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

This passage is very similar to the one in Mark 12 that we looked at earlier, but this time, Jesus asked one of the lawyers. The lawyer, who had spent years studying the law, gave Jesus the same answer that Jesus had given the scribe in Mark.

God wants us to be in regular, close fellowship with believers so that we can develop the skill of loving. We have to put it to use to benefit, it isn't enough to just know. Love cannot be learned in isolation. We have to be around people that are irritating, imperfect, frustrating. This allows you to invite others to feel the effects of your relationship.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine...

John 21:12 ...Come and dine...

2 Corinthians 6:2 ...now is the day of salvation.

Do it now, don't wait until tomorrow. The best time to love is now.

Proverbs 3:27-28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give...

In closing, three simple truths:

The best use of life is love.

The best expression of love is time.

The best time to love is now.