

LOVE THE LORD THY GOD

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There are basically four types of people in the world: (1) those who seek pleasure, (2) those who seek wealth, (3) those who seek wisdom, and (4) those seek and do God's will.

The Bible teaches that those who love pleasure shall be poor (Proverbs 21:17). Pleasure chokes out the word of God (Luke 8:14) and leads to destruction (James 5:5). The Bible also teaches that one's life consists not in the abundance of things he possesses (Luke 12:15), and that the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). Will we in America ever learn this lesson?

The Bible also says we can't find (**know**) God's will for our lives through human wisdom. *"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by its wisdom knew not God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe"* (1 Corinthians 1:21).

It was Solomon in the long ago who stated that man's purpose in life, *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear (respect) God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man"* (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

It was Christ, the Son of God and Master Teacher, who also affirmed man's purpose in life, *"Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...soul...strength, and...mind and thy neighbor as thyself"* (Luke 10:27). *"Whosoever hears these sayings of mine and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: (Matthew 7:24).*

If we are not doing God's will, found in the Bible, then we have no real true meaning in life, and all is *vanity*. What is your purpose in life? I pray it is following the will of our Father in heaven.

Have a great life in the Lord, and be sure to let your light shine.

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