

Things That Matter
Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop
Failure

2: “For the Christian, Devotion is
the Name of the Game”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

“²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Ephesians 2:1-5

“¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).”

Philippians 2:5-8

“⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”



I Corinthians 10:31

“³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

I Corinthians 2:4-7

“⁴ And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; ⁷ but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory.”

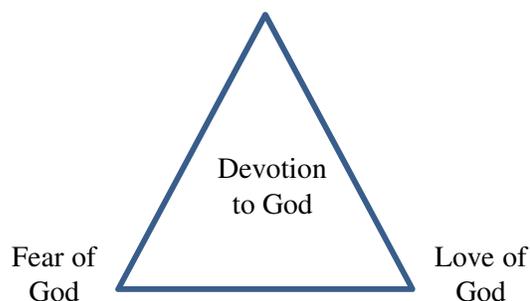
John 17:20-22

“²⁰ I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.”

I John 5:3

“³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”

Desire for God

**Jeremiah 32:40**

“⁴⁰ I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.”

I John 4:18

“¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.”

Romans 3:18

“¹⁸ There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 1:18

“¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

Philippians 2:12

“¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”

I Peter 1:17

“¹⁷ If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth.”

Revelation 15:3-4a

“³ And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

‘Great and marvelous are Your works,
O Lord God, the Almighty;
Righteous and true are Your ways,
King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify Your name? ...”

I John 4:8-10

“⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

- * “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Verse 31)
- * “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?” (Verse 33)
- * “Who is he that condemns?” (Verse 34)
- * “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” (Verse 35)

Psalms 42:1-2

“¹ As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God.
² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God;
When shall I come and appear
before God?”

Psalm 27:4

“⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord,
that I shall seek:
That I may dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord
and to meditate in His temple.”

Psalm 63:1

“¹ O God, You are my God;
I shall seek You earnestly;
My soul thirsts for You,
my flesh yearns for You,
In a dry and weary land
where there is no water.”

Philippians 3:10

“¹⁰ That I may know Him and the power of
His resurrection and the fellowship of His
sufferings, being conformed to His death.”

Note Amplified Bible (emphasis added):
[For my determined purpose is] that I may
know Him – that I may progressively become
more deeply and intimately acquainted with
Him, perceiving and recognizing and
understanding [the wonders of His person]
more strongly and more clearly.

Revelation 3:20

“²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door
and knock; if anyone hears My
voice and opens the door, I will
come in to him and will dine
with him, and he with Me.”