



# GRAD

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Living for Him, The One Who Created Us

# I. Give yourselves to knowing and loving God

## Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.

## Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

## James 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

# Who has Credit Cards?

- \$ 84% of undergraduates had at least one credit card.
- \$ 4.6 is the average number of cards held by college students.
- \$ 50% of students have 4 or more credit cards.

## Ecclesiastes 2:4, 10-11 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself;

<sup>5</sup> I made gardens and parks for myself, and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;

## Ecclesiastes 2:4, 10-11 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.

<sup>7</sup> I bought male and female slaves, and I had homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.

## Ecclesiastes 2:4, 10-11 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> Also, I collected for myself silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men-- many concubines.

## Ecclesiastes 2:4, 10-11 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> And all that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor.

## Ecclesiastes 2:4, 10-11 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup> Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.

# 1 Timothy 6:10

<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.



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# 1 Corinthians 13:11

**11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

# 1 Corinthians 16:13

**13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith,  
act like men, be strong.**

## Colossians 1:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

## Romans 8:29

**29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

## Matthew 20:25-28

<sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

## Matthew 20:25-28

<sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

## Matthew 20:25-28

<sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



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## Joshua 24:14-15

**14** “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

## Joshua 24:14-15

**<sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”**

## 1 Kings 11:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

## 1 Kings 11:1–8

<sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love.

## 1 Kings 11:1–8

<sup>3</sup> He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.

## 1 Kings 11:1–8

<sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

## 1 Kings 11:1–8

<sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done.

## 1 Kings 11:1–8

<sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.



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Only two choices on the shelf,  
pleasing God or pleasing self.

## 2 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

## 2 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

## 2 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

## 2 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

## Galatians 2:20

**20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

<sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



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V. Don't love this world

“It ill becomes any men, but especially men of God, to set their hearts upon the things of this world; men of God should be taken up with the things of God. There must be a conflict with corruption, and temptations, and the powers of darkness.”

Matthew Henry commentary

## 1 John 1:15-17

**15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

## 1 John 1:15-17

**<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.**

## 1 John 1:15-17

<sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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## Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,  
And desperately wicked;  
Who can know it?

<sup>10</sup> I, the Lord, search the heart,  
/ test the mind,  
Even to give every man according to his  
ways,  
According to the fruit of his doings.

## Romans 13:14

**14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

## Matthew 16:24–26

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

## Matthew 16:24–26

**25** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

A black and white photograph of a graduation ceremony. Graduates in caps and gowns are visible, with many hands raised in the air, some holding up their caps. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the foreground actions.

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