

Many times, people go to meetings or conferences and they hear an anointed man or woman of God speak and they have an encounter with God. (*Examples*) Then the people go to the man or woman of God and say, “I want what you have, I want your mantle or I want your anointing. Will you pray to release that upon me?” While wanting to grow in the knowledge of God is good, sometimes the weight of what you are asking for is difficult to carry. I am talking about the sustainability of carrying the anointing of God. God can and does flow through people all the times to heal the sick and bless people; but, if we wish to attain the greater works of Jesus found in John 14:12, we need to learn how to develop our character to become more Christ-like, to love what He loves and hate what He hates. God loves people. John 3:16 God hates sin. Do we know the subtleties of sin we are to avoid or turn away from?

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the **works** that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

The Big Ten: Exodus 20:

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
  - a. Did you know that many Christians believe there are multiple ways to get to heaven?
  - b. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
  - a. Idol worship can be a concept and not a thing.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain
  - a. Even when you are joking or laughing at the jokes of others.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

We serve a God of love who desires all of mankind to be restored in right relationship with Him. John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. I am not preaching no greasy grace, where people do what they want in sin, repent at the last moment before death and have just enough oil to slide in between the bars of the pearly gates. It is this type of worldly mindset that will, most likely, keep them from a heavenly eternity but also prevent them from walking out the fullness of what God has for them.

Do we know enough about the bible to know what He loves, hate what He hates and abstain from those things that are sin? What are some of the things that God does not like? There more you will find by reading your bible.

1. Putting something else above God. Exodus 20:4-6
2. Racism. Numbers 12.
  - a. Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses marrying an Ethiopian woman. Aaron repented. Miriam was turned into a leper.
  - b. Treating a people group differently because of their beliefs. Slavery of the Israelites.
3. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life. I John 2:16
  - a. Adultery, covetness, and pride
4. Homosexuality is biblically defined as sin. One of the passages is found in Romans 1:24-28.
5. We are going to start at Romans 1:28

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

God commands us to abhor what is evil and hold fast to what is good. Romans 12:9b. It is basically, love what He loves and hate what He hates. In our culture of tolerance, we do not categorize most actions as “good or evil.” God gives many examples of what He hates in the bible. He hates those things because He loves us and He knows those things will harm us. Here is list found in Proverbs 6:16-19: 16 “These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”

There is a mistaken idea in our culture that love and hate are antithetical, but they are actual allies. If you love life, you should hate abortion. If you love God, you should hate Satan and his plans to destroy mankind. The more we get to know God through the reading of His word and the transformation of our minds (Romans 12:2), the more we want to align ourselves with God’s desires and values and less we will want what the world desires.

So, if you want to walk consistently in the power of God, you can not look like, act like, talk like and smell like the world. There is a sanctification process that we go through from the time we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior to the time we die. Our goal is to become more Christ-like and more like Him. In order to do the greater works of Jesus, we need to take out the garbage, repent and turn away from those things the bible defines as sin. It does not matter if the world defines them another way. It is God who we will stand before in judgement when we die. We cannot expect to walk consistently in the power of God with one foot in church and the other in the world. We cannot keep those secret sins that only we

and God know about. It is time to repent and turn away from those things meant to destroy us.

Prayer of repentance for the things we know about.

Prayer of repentance for the things we did that we did not know about. Psalm 139:23-24.

Now that we have talked about the “Don’t” list, let’s talk about the “To Do” list.

1. Be quick to repent and quick to forgive. Life is messy and we are not perfect.
2. ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” This is found in Luke 10:27 and also in Matthew 22 and Mark chapter 12.
  - a. Put action to your faith in loving your neighbor. Do acts of service.
3. Live with intentionality to grow closer to God. Spend time with Him. Spend time in His Word, not out of duty because you feel like you have to, but out of love. Grow in the knowledge of God so you can be more like Him.
4. Worship.
5. Meditate on the good things of God and not the chaos the world throws at you.

Prayer time as directed by Holy Spirit

Salvation Prayer

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