

How strongly did God proclaim that He alone is God?

Isaiah 45:21: "There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; *there is none besides Me.*"

What's more?

Exodus 20:5-6: "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."

As such:

Deuteronomy 6:14: "You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who *are* all around you."

Exodus 20:7: "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain."

Jeremiah 25:6: "Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you."

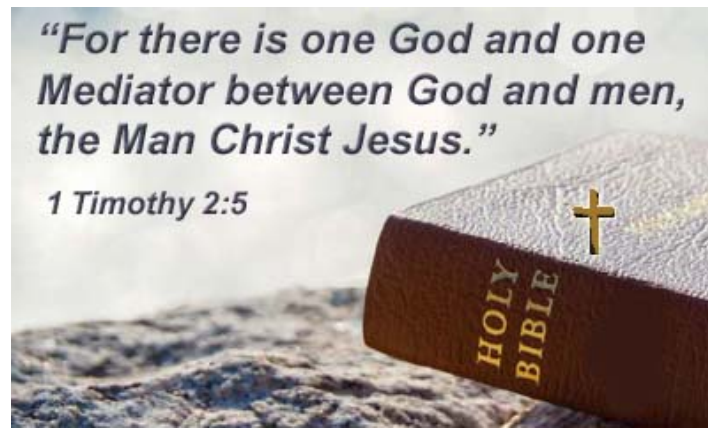
How did Jesus point us to the way to God and how must we worship Him?

John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Matthew 22:37-38: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is *the* first and great commandment."

Is my life a testimony that I worship the One and Only true God through Christ Jesus?

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Why must we seek and worship the only One and True God?

Colossians 1:16: “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

1 Corinthians 8:6: “There is one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we live.”

Ephesians 4:4-6: “*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Psalms 96:5-6: “For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty *are* before Him.”

As such:

1 John 2:16: “All that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”

Therefore:


Isaiah 44:6: “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I *am* the First and I *am* the Last; besides Me *there is* no God.”

And as Jesus clearly declared:

Matthew 4:10: “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

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***“The cowardly, unbelieving,
abominable, murderers, sexually
immoral, sorcerers, idolaters,
and all liars shall have their part
in the lake which burns with fire
and brimstone, which is
the second death.”***



Revelation 21:8

Who are the gods of this world, and what can be expected if we follow them?

Galatians 5:19-21: “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

To this Jesus said:

Mark 7:20-23: “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

As such:

1 Corinthians 6:9: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?”

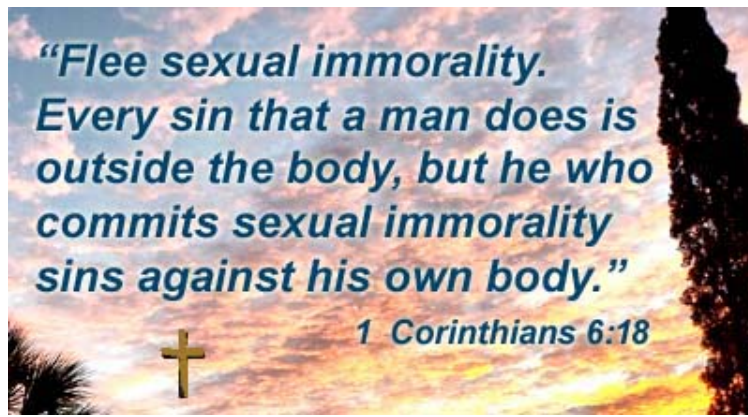
Therefore:

1 John 2:15: “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 Peter 2:11: “Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.”

Do I realize that the pleasures of the flesh are indeed the gods of this world?

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How clear is the Word of God in warning us against the gods of sexual immorality?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5: "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God."

As such:

1 Corinthians 6:19: "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

What's more?

Matthew 5:28: "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Leviticus 20:13: "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination."

A serious warning:

Jude 7: "In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire."

Therefore:

2 Timothy 2:22: "Flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

1 Corinthians 6:20: "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Clear enough for me?

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“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.”



1 Timothy 6:10

How does the love of money become a god in a person's heart?

Matthew 6:19-20: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”

Why?

Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Proverbs 11:4: “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.”

Proverbs 23:5: “For *riches* certainly make themselves wings.”

What's more?

Luke 12:15: “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Finally:

Matthew 6:24: “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Matthew 19:24: “Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

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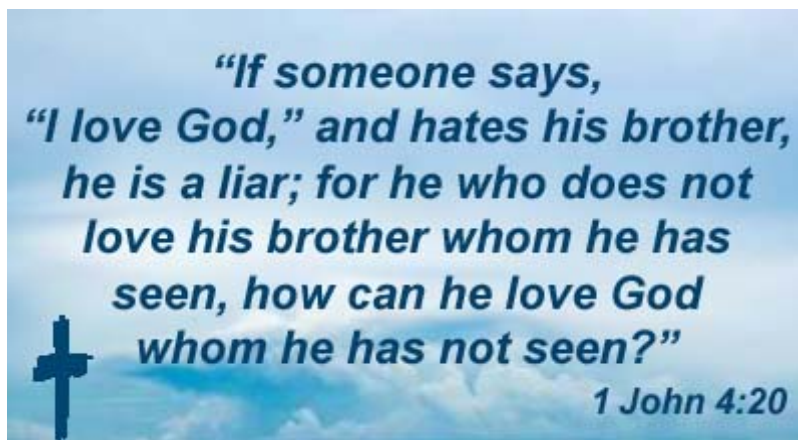
1 Timothy 6:17: “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God.”

And:

Hebrews 13:5: “*Let your conduct be without covetousness.*”

Have money and possessions become my focus, and therefore a god in my life?

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Contempt, lies, deceit, anger, evil speaking and murders are at the root of evil in this world.

As such, the Word of God warns us:

Proverbs 6:16-19: "There are six things which the LORD hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness *who* utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers."

The reason why:

Proverbs 26:24-25: "He who hates disguises *it* with his lips, and lays up deceit within himself; when he speaks kindly, do not believe him, for *there are* seven abominations in his heart."

For this reason:

Ephesians 4:31: "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior."

Why?

Matthew 6:15: "If you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

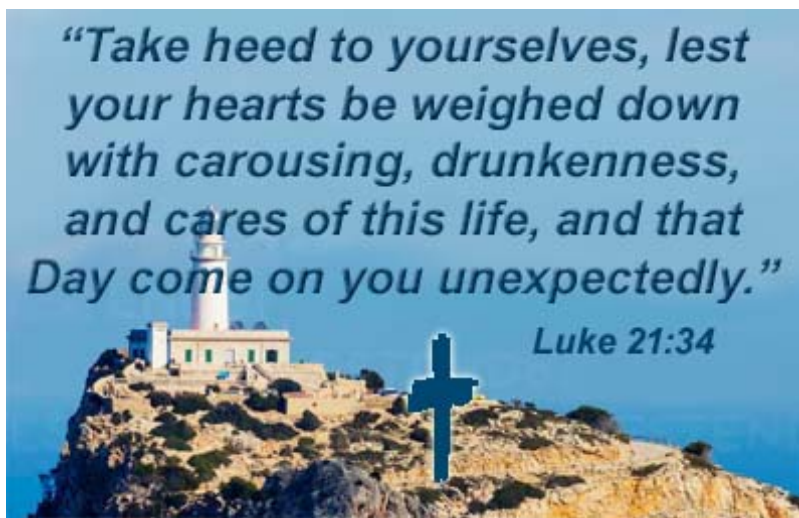
Therefore:

Luke 6:27-28: "I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you."

John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples."

Am I a disciple of Christ?

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Why does alcohol intoxication destroy a person, both spiritually and physically?

Isaiah 5:11: "What sorrow for those who get up early in the morning looking for a drink of alcohol and spend long evenings drinking wine to make themselves flaming drunk."

Proverbs 20:1: "Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise."

Proverbs 23:21: "For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe *a man* with rags."

And as 1 Corinthians 6:10 clearly declare: "No drunkards will inherit the Kingdom of God."

As believers in Christ:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

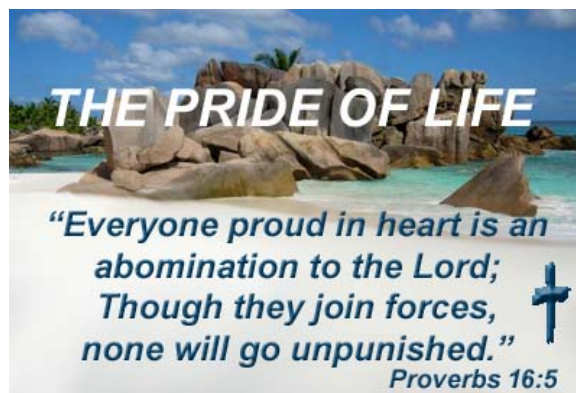
The reason we are enjoined to:

Ephesians 5:18: "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

Romans 13:13-14: "Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts."

Is alcohol an addiction, and therefore a god in my life?

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Why is the pride of life, in essence a mirrored image of Satan, such an abomination to God?

Psalms 10:4: "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek *God*; *God is* in none of his thoughts."

Proverbs 11:2: "When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble *is* wisdom."

Proverbs 8:13: "Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate."

As such:

Proverbs 26:12: "Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him."

The reason why:

James 4:6: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Understandably then:

1 John 2:16: "All that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world."

Therefore:

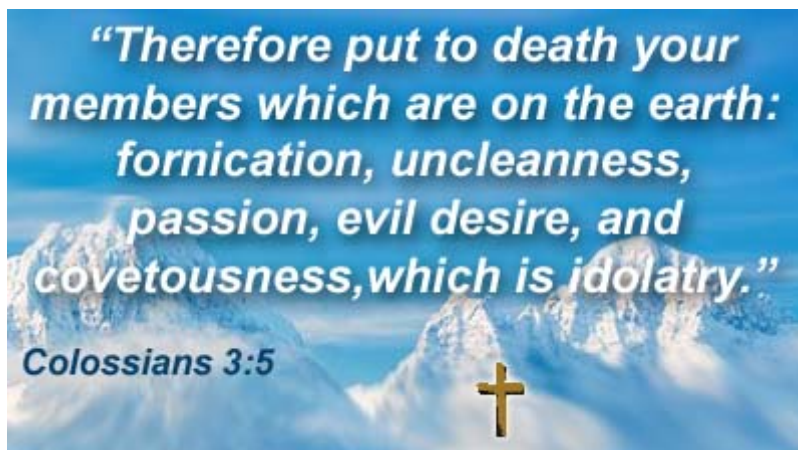
Romans 12:3: "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

Philippians 2:3: "*Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

2 Corinthians 10:17: "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Am I proud of myself, or do I rather thank God for the talents and abilities He has given me?

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How must we live in this world, so we honor and follow the only True God, and abide in Christ our Savior and Lord?

Romans 12:1-2: "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Galatians 5:16: "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Titus 2:12: "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age."

Therefore:

Romans 6:12-13: "Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."

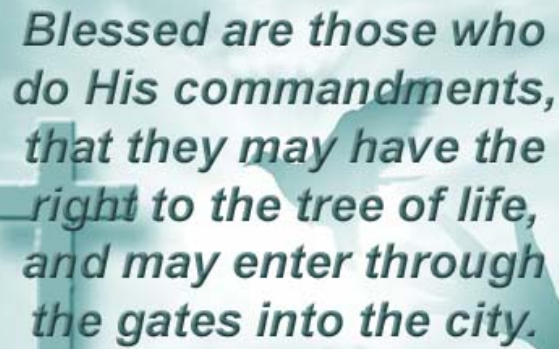
1 Peter 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

James 4:7: "Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

The ultimate focus of our lives should then be:

Colossians 3:2: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

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*Blessed are those who
do His commandments,
that they may have the
right to the tree of life,
and may enter through
the gates into the city.*

Revelation 22:14

As believers in God and Christ, what should the disposition of our hearts be so we truly honor and worship the only true and living God, our Creator and Savior?

John 4:24: "God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 15:4: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

1 John 2:28: "Abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

As such:

1 John 2:6: "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

What's more?

1 John 5:20: "We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

The reason Jesus said:

John 10:30: "I and *My* Father are one."

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 5:17: "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

1 Thessalonians 5:23: "May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again."

Is my heart focused on God, so I abide in Christ and He abides in me?

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