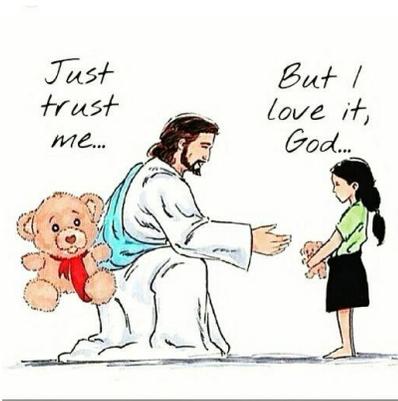


Bible Study – September 14, 2016
Putting God First, Pt.1
Genesis 4: 2-5



I. Questions:

a. What does it mean to put God first?

b. In what areas do you believe you have put God first?

c. In what areas do you need to work on putting God first?

II. Bible Interpretation

a. Genesis 4

2 ...Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

b. Abel gave of his firstfruits, Cain gave of his leftovers.

c. Each one's sacrifice was a direct reflection of his heart for God. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21

III. The Benefit of Putting God First

When we put God first in our lives, it enables us to _____ things God's Way

There are a few basic truths we must hold on to if we are to be successful in this Christian journey:

1) We must know that God is _____ (cf. Deut. 10:17; Phil. 2:10).

2) We must know that God _____ us (cf. Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4: 9-11; Ephesians 2: 4-5).

3) We must know that God can be _____ with the affairs of our lives (cf. Proverbs 3: 5-6; Romans 8:28; Jeremiah 29:11).

IV. Take-away

a. The fact is that we often _____ our abilities and _____ God's abilities.

b. God can do, exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think.

c. God can give us _____ in places where favor cannot be found.

d. We have to work hard, but God adds a _____ blessing when we honor Him and place Him first in our lives.

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