

"Our spiritual lives are measured accurately by our love. If our first love is for self, our life will center on seeking our own welfare, our own objectives, our own comfort and success. We will not sacrifice ourselves for others or even for the Lord. But if we love with the love God provides, our life will center on pleasing Him and on seeking the welfare of others.

John MacArthur

"The more abundantly that one has received the grace of God, the more attentive he ought to be in making progress from day to day ... for it usually happens, and may be said natural, that the excellence of gifts produces carelessness, which is also accompanied by slothfulness."

John Calvin

"There is nothing that will render you with greater strength against the deceit of sin than a frame of heart that thinks greatly of the greatness of God ... consider then, I say, to keep your heart in continual awe of the majesty of God."

John Owen

"The Spirit of God is a spirit of powerful holy affection in those who have a sound and solid faith. God is said to have 'given the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind'. The Spirit of God excites such power and fervor in hearts that they 'burn within them'.

Jonathan Edwards

"Any 'love' that we might achieve without God would not be true love because you cannot do lasting good for anyone without God. All the benefits of the world, minus God, would mean misery in the end."

John Piper

"The worth and excellency of a soul is to be measured by the object of its desire."

Henry Scougal

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Kids Notes

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- To be silent is to:*
 - Never talk about the Gospel of Jesus.
 - Be afraid of men.
 - Build spiritual character in your own life.
 - Use only wordless books to share the message of the cross.
- To have sound judgment is to:*
 - Think right about yourself.
 - Think right about God.
 - Think right about others.
 - All of the above.
- Dealing with sin in your life is:*
 - Just saying "sorry" to God.
 - Shuddering over God's great grace and rejoice in Christ's work.
 - Not that important.
 - Only for unbelievers.

For Family Discussion: How is my life obscuring the story of the Gospel?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

STEWARDS _____	TOTAL: _____
GOSPEL _____	_____
POWER _____	_____
LOVE _____	_____
DISCIPLINE _____	_____
FEAR _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

LOVE • FEAR • JESUS • CROSS • CORONA • DISCIPLINE •
 JUDGEMENT • SINCERE • FAITH • POWER • HEGG • MISSION •
 AFRICA • MEXICO • ALASKA • SCHOOL • TIMOTHY • SELFLESS •
 UNASHAMED • WITNESS • JOY • FREEDOM • ALYSSA • MOM

K A S H T C T K T D O A L D O
 J A G V W N M N U D N C G E T
 E Y N C R S E I C S B I P M A
 S E Z O V E Q M S N O R N A T
 U O Y A R H W E E S Z F R H I
 S D D B Z O L O T G I A Y S M
 H T I A F F C W P C D O X A O
 E E N I L P I C S I D U N N T
 V I N E C T A L A S K A J U H
 O J S R N F B Q O Q C T Y R Y
 L O O E S I N C E R E H A G M
 Y S S Y J M I H E G G E O Z O
 S S M T P X K M K B F W O O M
 M O D E E R F X Q K O J B S L
 C J C M O W S G N R G P O M J