

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Corinthians 10:31-33**.
- B. Our scripture text today is one dealing with doing the Lord's will, which means glorifying God.
- C. Jesus accomplished the work that His heavenly Father had set for Him to do, and that was for Jesus to glorify Him (Jn. 17:4).
- D. The apostle Paul writes that we too are to be busy in glorifying God. Let us see what he says.

I. TREAT SELF WELL, THIS GLORIFIES GOD.

- A. Keeping the greatest commandment means that we will be loving self as well as God and others. We must learn to love self; not in a prideful way but to have a good self-esteem (Mt. 22:38-39).
- B. We are to crucify the old sinful self so that we can begin to like ourselves. No one likes an old sinful person, and if we do not crucify ourselves we will have trouble loving ourselves (Gal. 2:20).
- C. Realizing that we are the temple of the HS, and that as a child of God He dwells in us should change our attitude about ourselves (1Cor. 3:16).

II. TREAT OTHERS WELL, THIS GLORIFIES GOD.

- A. We are to do good unto all men, and this means both Xians and non-Xians (Gal. 6:10).
- B. We are to do good as an employee working to support our family (Eph. 6:5,6).
- C. Some have their jobs in the home as housewives and mothers. These are respectable positions that need to be done in a Xian way (Ti. 2:4-5).
- D. Acceptable conduct is always appropriate for the child of God (1Cor. 16:13-14).

III. GIVE NO OFFENSE, TREAT OTHERS AS TO SAVE THEM.

- A. Because of our convictions on what the scriptures teach we must from time to time "draw lines" on some things. Certain activities we will do that others won't and certain activities we will not do that others will.
- B. Paul says in 10:32-33 that we should not do anything while giving glory to God that might be offensive to others.
- C. Sometimes we might offend those who believe in God and worship differently (this could be analagous to the Jews) or we might do something that would offend even the heathen and unchurched.
- D. Making enemies does not make Xians. Make friends first and then discuss what is acceptable to God. We do not glorify God when we make enemies of people.

IV. JESUS GLORIFIED GOD BUT DID NOT OFFEND (OR SIN AGAINST) ANYONE.

- A. Again we go back to Jn. 17:4 and how that Jesus accomplished the work of His Father and that was to glorify God.
- B. Yet in all of His dealings with people Jesus taught the truth, pointed out people's sins and told them what they must do to be saved and never once offend anyone. People rejected the message in some instances but they did so not because of anything Jesus said or did.
- C. Let us strive to be like Jesus in that when we talk, work, and try to convert others that we teach the truth live the truth and defend the truth without giving a cause for offence.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Let us be busy in glorifying God. Let be busy in doing His will, treating ourselves with respect and love. Be busy in all we do giving God the credit for all good things.
- B. The best way and really the only way to glorify God is to do what He says for us to do. This includes everything from initially becoming a Xian, and then remaining faithful until death.

C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.