

“Spiritual Commitments for 2018”

I Cor. 10:31-11:1

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Everybody who works has a job description. All biblical characters had a job description.

We have a spiritual job description. Sometimes we lose sight of the big picture and we need to be reminded of the biblical pillars of the Christian life. We need to refocus and be reenergized in our Christian journey.

Jesus was able to see through the fog of the 613 laws that needed to be obeyed and reduced them to two.

Matt. 22:37-40, Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (40) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Well the apostle Paul gives us a job description in our text: I want to share four important spiritual commitments for 2018.

I. Seek the Glory of God (10:31).

God made mankind and creation to give him glory. How do we ascribe glory to God?

Moses prayed in **Ex. 33:18-19**, And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. (19) And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

The Lord responded by showing him His attributes. We glorify God by reflecting His attributes.

We should do nothing to tarnish or rob his glory. Even in the little things like in our text, we should reflect his glory.

I. Seek the Glory of God (10:31).

II. Seek the Benefit of Others (10:32).

The three groups mentioned covers all people. We should pursue the benefit of others.

What does that look like?

Rom. 12:10, Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Giving preference to one another is not always easy, but God never asks something of us that he will not also give us the strength to carry it out.

III. Seek the Salvation of the Lost (10:33).

Paul emphasizes how he was to save the lost. He wanted to be culturally and socially sensitive. The context is about not flaunting our Christian liberties.

IV. Seek the Likeness of Christ (11:1).

Without the believer's pursuit of Christ-likeness, we can't accomplish much in the Christian life.

Do you see it? We glorify God in all we do by placing the benefit of others ahead of ourselves, so they might be saved and by pursuing the likeness of Christ.