

Supplemental Notes

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Col 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Phil 4:12-13 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

1 Thess 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 1:5-7 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

Matt 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

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#664 "Aren't We Better Off Without Religion?"

There is some violent impulse so deeply rooted in the _____
_____ that it expresses itself regardless of what the beliefs of a society might be.

Seven Benefits of Biblical Principles

1. It Really Is _____ Blessed to Give Than to Receive (Acts 20:35)
2. The Love of _____ Disappoints (1 Tim 6:10)
3. Work Works When It's a _____ (Col 3:23-24)
4. We Really Can Be _____ in All Circumstances (Phil 4:12-13)
5. Gratitude Is _____ for Us (1 Thess 5:16-18)
6. Self-Control and Perseverance Help Us _____ (2 Peter 1:5-7)
7. Forgiveness Is _____ (Matt 18:21-22)

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. What does freedom of religion mean to you?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33. How could Paul, who authored this passage, possibly claim that religion is good?
4. Of the “seven benefits” which were talked about, which one(s) mean the most to you? Can you think of any other benefits not listed?
5. Our nation started with the premise that all would have “freedom of religion.” Today, the culture wants to be “free from religion.” What influences have contributed to this shift?

Application Questions & Prayer

6. As much as possible, describe what your life may possibly have looked like if you had not accepted Jesus as Lord & Savior in your past? What would it look like if there was no religion?
7. Name something that you would be better off without. What can you do to prevent the item mentioned in your answer from invading your life?
8. Pray for opportunities to engage with someone who is asking the same questions we are answering.