

Living Life on a Divine Plane (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Philippians 1:6
- Philippians 1:6, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 13:3
- 1 Corinthians 13:3, *NLT*
- Matthew 22:37, 39
- John 15:12
- Ephesians 5:2
- Matthew 7:12
- Philippians 2:3-7, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 10:5

Summary:

The world tells us to always practice good morals and do the right thing. However, we can't achieve morality without Jesus; our motives matter. The mistake many people make is trying to live moral lives for others' approval, instead of for God's approval. Doing good through self-effort simply to please others is a temporary motivation that won't last; doing good because the Holy Spirit has shed God's love in our hearts is what He really wants to see. Trusting Him to work in us and change us on the inside, until everything we do is motivated by love, elevates us to a level we cannot reach on our own.

Notes:

1. The beginning of God's work in us is when we get saved by grace; the performance of it is discipline by grace. God is committed to finishing this work; He'll never leave us to finish what He started.
2. The love of God is life-changing. Learning how to love like Jesus elevates us to a divine plane far above the natural plane in which the world operates.
3. We need the love of Jesus, first, before we can love others the way we are commanded to. The love of Christ is on a much higher level than the human mind can comprehend.
4. The world's mindset is that we should work hard to be noticed and considered important. The divine plane requires that we put others' interests first, which is impossible through human effort; grace helps us in this area. We mustn't let our selfishness get in the way of total dependence on God.
5. The world is filled with "high things" believers are warned about. The world's norms and values tell us to depend on ourselves instead of on God. Our thoughts influence our actions. By bringing all our thoughts into obedience to Christ, we will therefore have no wrong conduct.

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