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Hebrews 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum...

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Philippians 3:10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

- 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded...

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**1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments...

## Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

**John 16:8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

**Micah 6:7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams...?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The LORD'S voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

**Hebrews 13:15** By him therefore let us offer **the sacrifice** of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

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"...if two people are not thriving healthily in a situation, I say remove the marriage..." (Amy Grant)

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"What's one of your favorite Bible verses? 'Well, I'll just tell you one that I read this morning. Galatians 5, the back half of verse 6: 'The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.' And I thought, "The only thing that counts?!'...I thought about the guys who wrote, 'They'll Know We're Christians By Our Love.' They were right!..."

(beliefnet.com)

-In 2001, Amy Grant endorsed and wrote the foreword to a book by the mystic Brennan Manning, *The Boy Who Cried Abba*.

**Jeremiah 7:21** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

- 22 For I **spake not** unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:
- 23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.
- **1 Samuel 15:22** And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

**Hosea 6:6** For I desired mercy, **and not** sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

**Matthew 9:13** But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice...

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is **more than** all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God...

**Exodus 16:7** And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

8...your murmurings **are not** against us, but against the LORD.

**John 6:27** Labour **not** for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life...

Ecclesiastes 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

**Psalms 2:11** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

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