

FINALLY, SOMETHING I CAN DO! [In all your ways acknowledge him, . . .] Proverbs 3:6a

Three Things To Remember ...

- [1] . . . the priority is Being before Doing [Luke 6:45, Revelation 2:1-5]
- [2] . . . it's about a Relationship with God, not a Religion of Rules [Philippians 3:7-10]
- [3] . . . that in fact, we were designed by God to Do [Ephesians 2:4-10]

What are the things I can do to acknowledge God in all my ways?

"Acknowledge"

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"KNOW" in Hebrew: yada

How can I learn to have an intimate relationship with God in order to DO what He has designed me to DO?

- [1] Talk to God every day through the day[1 Thessalonians 5:17-18]
- [2] Become a thankful follower about anything and everything
- [3] Read a passage of scripture every day [Psalm 119:9-11]
- [4] Preach the Gospel to yourself in your own personal sentence every day

Final Thought: Everything I DO can be an intimate act of worship and be for God's glory

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Luke 6:45 (NIV) The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Revelation 2:1-5 (NIV) To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Philippians 3:7-10 (NIV) But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, . . .

■ Ephesians 2:4-10 (NIV) ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

I Thessalonians 5:17-18 (NIV) . . . pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 119:9-11 (NIV) How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Discussion Questions/Prayer

- Review the Three Things to Remember list [including the verses for each section]. Which one do you seem to forget most often? What can you do to help you remember to do it?
- Review the 4 ways we can learn How to Learn to Have an Intimate Relationship with God in Order to Do what He has Designed Us to Do [including the verses]. Make a plan to set aside time to grow in these spiritual habits that lead to intimacy with God.
- Read Colossians 3:17. Pray for God to keep your eyes on the reality that Everything I DO can be an intimate act of worship and be for God's glory.