

Know what is important to God

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A suggestion how the content of this manual can be used:

The manual is divided with headings and bullets. Each heading and bullet refers to a point that is discussed (in the sermon). The content that follows the heading refers to the scriptures (obtained mainly from the Old King James bible and Strong's dictionary) which are the basis for the headings and bullets that are discussed. Use these references as a guide for your own study of the WORD of GOD. Enjoy and let your mind be renewed by your Saviour.



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- ✓ Mat 16
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Introduction

Pro 29:18 says; "Where there is no vision the people cast off restraint; but happy is he that keeps the law. 1Jn 5:3 says; "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome". Happiness is set before us and the way to obtain it (Jesus, the Word made flesh for us).

Many times we measure our happiness on what we want, what we have or don't have. If we take Prov 29:18 and 1Jn 5:3 seriously we must rather keep what is important to God, (His love) then we will be happy.

This manual will help you and me to determine what is important to God, how we can find it and how we can make it our own. LOVE your LORD with boldness.

A. How can I know what is important to God?

Mat 16:22 Then ^{G2532} Peter^{G4074} took^{G4355} him,^{G846} and began^{G756} to rebuke^{G2008} him,^{G846} saying,^{G3004} Be it far^{G2436} from thee,^{G4671} Lord:^{G2962} this^{G5124} shall not^{G3364} be^{G2071} unto thee.^{G4671}

- rebuke^{G2008}
 - **G2008** ἐπιτιμάω epitimaō ep-ee-tee-mah'-o From [G1909](#) and [G5091](#); to tax upon, that is, censure or admonish; by implication forbid: - (straitly) charge, rebuke.
 - **G5091** τιμάω timaō tim-ah'-o From [G5093](#); to prize, that is, fix a valuation upon; by implication to revere: - honour, value.

Mat 16:23 But^{G1161} he^{G3588} turned,^{G4762} and said^{G2036} unto Peter,^{G4074} Get^{G5217} thee behind^{G3694} me,^{G3450} Satan:^{G4567} thou art^{G1488} an offence^{G4625} unto me:^{G3450} for^{G3754} thou savourest^{G5426} not^{G3756} the things^{G3588} that be of God,^{G2316} but^{G235} those^{G3588} that be of men.^{G444}

- behind^{G3694}
 - **G3694** ὀπίσω opisō op-is'-o From the same as [G3693](#) with enclitic of direction; to the back, that is, aback (as adverb or preposition of time or place; or as noun): - after, back (-ward), (+ get) behind, + follow.
- savourest^{G5426}
 - **G5426** φρονέω phroneō fron-eh'-o From [G5424](#); to exercise the mind, that is, entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively to interest

oneself in (with concern or obedience): - set the affection on, **(be) care (-ful)**, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed, regard, savour, think.

- **G5424** φρήν *phrēn frane* Probably from an obsolete φράω *phraō* (to *rein* in or *curb*; compare [G5420](#)); the *midrif* (as a *partition* of the body), that is, (figuratively and by implication of sympathy) the *feelings* (or sensitive nature; by extension [also in the plural] the *mind* or cognitive faculties): - understanding.

- to exercise the *mind*
- have a *sentiment* or *opinion*: the *midrif* (as a *partition* of the body), that is, (figuratively and by implication of sympathy) the *feelings* (or sensitive nature; by extension [also in the plural] the *mind* or cognitive faculties): - understanding.
- intensively to *interest oneself* in (with concern or obedience)
- (be) care (-ful)

B. What does it mean?

Mat 16:24 Then ^{G5119} said ^{G2036} Jesus ^{G2424} unto his ^{G848} disciples, ^{G3101} **if any** ^{G1536} *man* **will** ^{G2309} *come* ^{G2064} **after** ^{G3694} *me*, ^{G3450} **let him deny** ^{G533} *himself*, ^{G1438} **and** ^{G2532} *take up* ^{G142} *his* ^{G848} *cross*, ^{G4716} **and** ^{G2532} *follow* ^{G190} *me*. ^{G3427}

Mat 16:25 For ^{G1063} *whoever* ^{G3739} *will* ^{G2309} *save* ^{G4982} *his* ^{G848} *life* ^{G5590} **shall lose** ^{G622} *it*, ^{G846} **and** ^{G1161} *whoever* ^{G3739} *will lose* ^{G622} *his* ^{G848} *life* ^{G5590} **for my sake** ^{G1752} *shall find* ^{G2147} *it*. ^{G846}

1. To exercise the mind

- **let him deny** ^{G533}
 - **G533** ἀπαρνέομαι *aparneomai ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee* From [G575](#) and [G720](#); to *deny* utterly, that is, *disown*, *abstain*: - deny.
 - **G720** ἀρνέομαι *arneomai ar-neh'-om-ahee* Perhaps from [G1](#) (as a negative particle) and the middle of [G4483](#); **to contradict**, that is, *disavow*, *reject*, *abnegate*: - deny, refuse.
 - **G4483** ῥέω *rheō hreh'-o* For certain tenses of which a prolonged form (ῥέω *ereō*) is used; and both as alternate for [G2036](#); perhaps akin (or identical) with [G4482](#) (through the idea of *pouring* forth); **to utter**, that is, *speak* or *say*: - command, make, say, speak (of). Compare [G3004](#).

Pro 2:1 My son, ^{H1121} *if* ^{H518} *thou wilt receive* ^{H3947} *my words*, ^{H561} **and** ^{H6845} *hide* ^{H4687} *my commandments* ^{H854} **with** *thee*;
Pro 2:2 So that *thou incline* ^{H7181} *thine ear* ^{H241} **unto** *wisdom*, ^{H2451} **and** ^{H5186} *apply* ^{H3820} *thine heart* **to** *understanding*; ^{H8394}
Pro 2:3 Yea, ^{H3588} *if* ^{H518} *thou criest* ^{H7121} **after** *knowledge*, ^{H998} **and** ^{H5414} *liftest up* ^{H6963} *thy voice* **for** *understanding*; ^{H8394}
Pro 2:4 *If* ^{H518} *thou seekest* ^{H1245} *her as silver*, ^{H3701} **and** ^{H2664} *searchest* **for her as** *for hid treasures*; ^{H4301}
Pro 2:5 Then ^{H227} *shalt thou understand* ^{H995} *the fear* ^{H3374} **of the LORD**, ^{H3068} **and** ^{H4672} *find* ^{H1847} *the knowledge* ^{H430} **of God**.

2. Have a sentiment or opinion

- **take up**^{G142} **his**^{G848} **cross**,^{G4716}
 - **take up**^{G142} **G142** **αἴρω** airō *ah'ee-ro* A primary verb; to *lift*; by implication to *take up* or *away*; figuratively to *raise* (the voice), *keep in suspense* (the mind); specifically to *sail away* (that is, *weigh anchor*); by Hebraism (compare [H5375]) to *expiate sin*: - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).
 - **cross**,^{G4716}
 - **G4716** **σταυρός** stauros *stow-ros'* From the base of **G2476**; a *stake* or *post* (as set upright), that is, (specifically) a *pole* or *cross* (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively *exposure to death*, that is, *self denial*; by implication the *atonement* of Christ: - cross.
 - **G2476** **ἵστημι** histēmi *his'-tay-mee* A prolonged form of a primary word **στάω** staō (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); to *stand* (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively): - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare **G5087**.

3. Intensively to interest oneself in

- **follow**^{G190} **G190** **ἀκολουθεῖω** akolouthēō *ak-ol-oo-theh'-o* From **G1** (as a particle of union) and **κέλευθ** ος keleuthos (a *road*); properly to *be in the same way with*, that is, to *accompany* (specifically as a disciple): - follow, reach.

4. To be careful

Mat 16:25 For^{G1063} **whosoever**^{G3739 G302} **will**^{G2309} **save**^{G4982} **his**^{G848} **life**^{G5590} **shall**^{G622} **lose**^{G846} **it**^{G1161} **and**^{G1161} **whosoever**^{G3739 G302} **will**^{G622} **lose**^{G622} **his**^{G848} **life**^{G5590} **for my sake**^{G1752 G1700} **shall**^{G2147} **find**^{G846} **it**.

Mat 16:26 For^{G1063} **what**^{G5101} **is a man**^{G444} **profited**^{G5623} **if**^{G1437} **he shall**^{G2770} **gain**^{G3588} **the**^{G3650} **whole**^{G2889} **world**, **and**^{G2532} **lose**^{G2210} **his own**^{G848} **soul?**^{G5590} **or**^{G2228} **what**^{G5101} **shall a man**^{G444} **give**^{G1325} **in exchange**^{G465} **for his**^{G848} **soul?**^{G5590}

Mat 16:27 For^{G1063} **the**^{G3588} **Son**^{G5207} **of man**^{G444} **shall**^{G3195} **come**^{G2064} **in**^{G1722} **the**^{G3588} **glory**^{G1391} **of his**^{G848} **Father**^{G3962} **with**^{G3326} **his**^{G848} **angels**, **and**^{G32} **then**^{G2532} **he shall**^{G5119} **reward**^{G591} **every man**^{G1538} **according**^{G2596} **to his**^{G848} **works**.^{G4234}

C. How can I do that which is important to God?

Mal 3:5 And I will come near^{H7126} to^{H413} you to judgment;^{H4941} and I will be^{H1961} a swift^{H4116} witness^{H5707} against the sorcerers,^{H3784} and against the adulterers,^{H5003} and against false^{H8267} swearers,^{H7650} and against those that oppress^{H6231} the hireling^{H7916} in his wages,^{H7939} the widow,^{H490} and the fatherless,^{H3490} and that turn aside^{H5186} the stranger^{H1616} from his right, and fear^{H3372} not^{H3808} me, saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts.^{H6635}

Pro 2:6 For^{H3588} the LORD^{H3068} giveth^{H5414} wisdom:^{H2451} out of his mouth^{H4480 H6310} cometh knowledge^{H1847} and understanding.^{H8394}

Pro 2:7 He layeth up^{H6845} sound wisdom^{H8454} for the righteous:^{H3477} he is a buckler^{H4043} to them that walk^{H1980} uprightly.^{H8537}

Pro 2:8 He keepeth^{H5341} the paths^{H734} of judgment,^{H4941} and preserveth^{H8104} the way^{H1870} of his saints.^{H2623}

Pro 2:9 Then^{H227} shalt thou understand^{H995} righteousness,^{H6664} and judgment,^{H4941} and equity;^{H4339} yea, every^{H3605} good^{H2896} path.^{H4570}
 Pro 2:10 When^{H3588} wisdom^{H2451} entereth^{H935} into thine heart,^{H3820} and knowledge^{H1847} is pleasant^{H5276} unto thy soul;^{H5315}
 Pro 2:11 Discretion^{H4209} shall preserve^{H8104 H5921} thee, understanding^{H8394} shall keep^{H5341} thee:

1. To exercise the mind

- judgment;^{H4941}
 - **H4941** מִשְׁפָּט *mishpât mish-pawt'* From [H8199](#); properly a *verdict* (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a *sentence* or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine *law*, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly *justice*, including a particular *right*, or *privilege* (statutory or customary), or even a *style*: - + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong.
 - **H8199** שָׁפַט *shâphaṭ shaw-fat'* A primitive root; to *judge*, that is, pronounce *sentence* (for or against); by implication to *vindicate* or *punish*; by extension to *govern*; passively to *litigate* (literally or figuratively): - + avenge, X that condemn, contend, **defend**, execute (judgment), (be a) judge (-ment), X needs, **plead**, **reason**, rule.

2. Have a sentiment or opinion

- sorcerers,^{H3784} **H3784** כַּשְׁפֵּי *kâshaph kaw-shaf'* A primitive root; properly to *whisper* a spell, that is, to *inchant* or practise magic: - sorcerer, (use) witch (-craft).
- adulterers,^{H5003}
 - **H5003** נָאֵף *nâ'aph naw-af'* A primitive root; to *commit adultery*; figuratively to *apostatize*: - adulterer (-ess), commit (-ing) adultery, woman that breaketh wedlock.
 - **Apostatize** To abandon one's profession or church; to forsake principles or faith which one has professed; or the party to which one has been attached.
- false^{H8267} swearers,^{H7650}
 - swearers,^{H7650} **H7650** שָׁבַע *shâba' shaw-bah'* A primitive root; properly to *be complete*, but used only as a denominative from [H7651](#); to *seven* oneself, that is, *swear* (as if by repeating a declaration seven times): - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full [by mistake for [H7646](#)], take an oath, X straitly, (cause to, make to) swear.
 - false^{H8267} **H8267** שֶׁקֶר *sheqer sheh'-ker* From [H8266](#); an *untruth*; by implication a *sham* (often adverbially): - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully.
- oppress^{H6231} **H6231** אָשַׁק *âshaq aw-shak'* A primitive root (compare [H6229](#)); to *press* upon, that is, *oppress*, *defraud*, *violate*, *overflow*: - get deceitfully, deceive, defraud, drink up, (use) oppress ([-ion], -or), do violence (wrong).

3. Intensively to interest oneself in

Zep 1:1 The word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} which^{H834} came^{H1961} unto^{H413} **Zephaniah**^{H6846} the son^{H1121} of Cushi,^{H3570} (blackness) the son^{H1121} of Gedaliah,^{H1436} (God is my greatness) the son^{H1121} of Amariah,^{H568} (the Lord says; the integrity of the Lord) the son^{H1121} of Hizkiah,^{H2396} (*strengthened of Jah*) in the days^{H3117} of Josiah^{H2977} (*founded of Jah*) the son^{H1121} of Amon,^{H526} (faithful; true) king^{H4428} of Judah.^{H3063} (the praise of the Lord; confession)

- **Zephaniah:** the Lord is my secret **H6846** צפניה צפניה^ephanyâh ts^ephanyâhû *tsef-an-yaw', tsef-an-yaw'-oo*
 - From **H6845** and **H3050**; *Jah has secreted; Tsephanjah*, the name of four Israelites: - Zephaniah.
 - **H6845** צפן^etsâphan *tsaw-fan'* A primitive root; **to hide (by covering over)**; by implication to *hoard* or *reserve*; figuratively to *deny*; specifically (favorably) to *protect*, (unfavorably) to *lurk*: - esteem, hide (-den one, self), lay up, lurk (be set privily, (keep) secret (-ly, place).

4. To be careful

Zep 1:7 Hold thy peace^{H2013} at the presence^{H4480 H6440} of the Lord^{H136} GOD:^{H3069} for^{H3588} the day^{H3117} of the LORD^{H3068} *is* at hand:^{H7138} for^{H3588} the LORD^{H3068} hath prepared^{H3559} a sacrifice,^{H2077} **he hath bid**^{H6942} his guests.^{H7121}

- he hath bid^{H6942} **H6942** שׂקד^eqâdash *kaw-dash'* A primitive root; to *be* (causatively *make*, *pronounce* or *observe* as) *clean* (ceremonially or morally): - appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, defile, hallow, (be, keep) holy (-er, place), keep, prepare, proclaim, purify, sanctify (-ied one, self), X wholly.

Zep 2:3 **Seek**^{H1245} ye^(H853) the LORD,^{H3068} all^{H3605} ye meek^{H6035} of the earth,^{H776} which^{H834} **have wrought**^{H6466} his judgment;^{H4941} seek^{H1245} righteousness,^{H6664} seek^{H1245} meekness.^{H6038} it may be^{H194} ye shall be hid^{H5641} in the day^{H3117} of the LORD'S^{H3068} anger.^{H639}

- Seek^{H1245} **H1245** בַּקַּשׁ^ebâqash *baw-kash'* A primitive root; to *search* out (by any method; specifically in worship or prayer); by implication to *strive after*: - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).
- have wrought^{H6466} **H6466** פָּעַל^epâ'al *paw-al'* A primitive root; to *do* or *make* (systematically and habitually), especially to *practise*: - commit, [evil-] do (-er), make (-r), ordain, work (-er), wrought.