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The Rules of Righteousness

(2) Loving God is characterized by doing His commandments, pg.20-22

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Know

- If you love God then it is shown by your commitment to living Christian lifestyle.



Understand

- A good and loving child listens to their parents, and so in the same way, if you call God your Heavenly Father, you are to obey Him as a loving child would; and this means choosing to live a Christian lifestyle.
- Therefore, choosing to live a Christian lifestyle is essentially “proof” of your love for the Lord, the Most High God.



Do

- Commit to living a Christian lifestyle
 - This is the only way that receiving the Holy Spirit is possible, and only people who receive the Holy Spirit become children of God.
 - Hence, if you willingly do things that you know are wrong and that God calls wrong, then you cannot become a child of God, and are therefore part of the world.



Don't

- This concept is conveyed by a clip from the movie, 'Rogue One: A Star Wars Story', where Jyn Erso confronts Cassian Andor about plotting to kill her father, Galen Erso, even though Cassian knew it was wrong. Hence, Cassian's actions are an example of choosing not to live a Christian lifestyle.



Movie Clip

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Main Point

- The movie clip conveyed that doing things that you know are wrong is the definition of evil, and is therefore the essence of sin.
- God provided the Holy Bible to let people know right from wrong. Therefore, those who love God show it by choosing to do what is right.



Main Point

Therefore, the Lord's sacrifice on the cross was not a golden ticket into heaven or salvation for all mankind, nor was His death to be considered the means to do the worst of sins without consequence: as it is noted in the Bible, the wages of sin is death i.e. not receiving the Holy Spirit

- **Romans 6:23**—²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Hence, God judges all mankind during their lifetime and/or thereafter, where the reward or consequence is the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is considered "free" because eternal life is priceless; or death, which is to never receive the Holy Spirit, and thus remaining a part of the world. This is reaffirmed by the Lord in His prayer before His death and subsequent resurrection.



Main Point

*John 17 : 6-9 – ⁶I revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me. They have kept your word. ⁷ **Now they have known that all things whatever you have given me are from you, ⁸ for the words which you have given me I have given to them, and they received them, and knew for sure that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I don't pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.***





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RER Exemplar for beginning to do God's commandments

Reflection, Extension & Response, or RER for short, is the journaling activity used for the 'Calling' Module of The VMFCP. RER is designed to help you understand your own motivations, choices, and help you plan how to align them with a Christian lifestyle.

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REFLECTION

Reflection A (What I thought)

- God forgives everything as long as you ask for forgiveness, so it doesn't matter what you do.

Reflection B (The truth about the sin according to the Bible)

- God only forgives when you stop doing the wrong thing and are sorry about it, and then do the right thing. (James 4:17, 1 John 1:9, Acts 8:22, Hebrews 10:26) - God does not forgive people who knowingly do a wrong, and then think saying "sorry" makes it ok.
- Loving God is defined by doing His commandments, therefore, children of God have been judged by Him to have kept His commandments (John 14:23-24)
- The basic definition of loving other people is doing no intentional wrong or harm to them (Romans 13:10) - God knows your motivations (Psalm 44:20-21, Jeremiah 17:10)



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EXTENSION

Reasons why God says not to commit the specific sin. You can find Scriptures that support the reason(s), but it is not necessary.

- Not doing God's commandments means that I am not committed to living a Christian lifestyle.
- Not doing God's commandments means that I do not love God.
- Intentionally doing harm or wrong to other people means that I do not have love.
- Not doing God's commandments means that I will not receive the Holy Spirit, and will not become a Child of God.



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RESPONSE

The practical things that I can do to stop committing the sin.

- Identifying the things that I do, which I know are wrong and stop doing them.
- The glossary in 'Calling: Special Edition', features The VMFCP Basic Standards, Principal Sins, and What Not To Do List. These can help you recognise the things which you should stop doing.
- Start treating other people with love i.e. not doing things that are intentionally harmful towards them, whether such actions are overt or obvious, or the opposite, which is considered covert or "hidden".

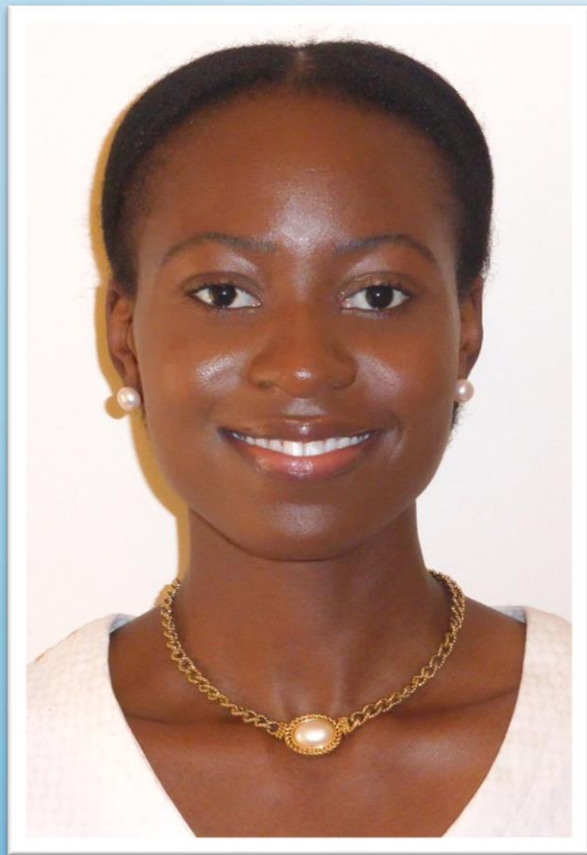


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