

The Best Sunday of the Year



Football Preparation

- Food/Drinks
- TV is working.
- Blocked out 3 hours to watch your team.
- Wearing your “lucky” jersey/shirt.



Checklists

- **You don't have to re-think something.**
- **You don't have to waste time and energy remembering.**
- **You can hand a task off to someone easily.**
- **You can tell at a glance where you are in the process.**
- **You can keep track of several concurrent tasks easily.**
 - **Source: Simpleproductivityblog.com**



God's Checklist for Christians

A Christian's Checklist

- Go to Church.
- Pray.
- Read the Bible.
- Try to live out Christ's teachings.
- Ask for forgiveness when I do not do the other things.

God's Checklist for Us

- From Matthew 22:
- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does it mean to love God?

- We want to make Him happy.
 - “If you love me, keep my commands.”
- Put God first in our lives.
 - And God spoke all these words: ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me.”

John 14:15

Exodus 20:1-3

What does it mean to love God?

- We want to spend to with Him.
 - Make time each day to talk with God through prayer and listening for His voice.
 - ¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” _{1 Samuel 3:10}
- Our minds are focused on God while we worship Him.

What does it mean to love God?

- Be grateful for all God has done for us.
 - ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.
 - ¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” Luke 17:15-19

- We seek God's forgiveness when we sin.
 - If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
⁴ But with you there is forgiveness...
 - Psalm 130:3-4

What does it mean to love God?

- Be proud of our faith.
 - ⁸“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. ⁹ But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.”
Luke 12:8-9
- Trust in God that He will take care of us and always be with us.
 - “...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
 - Matt 28:20

What does it mean to love your neighbor?

- We do not harm our neighbor.
 - The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor.” Romans 13:9-10
- We show compassion, kindness and patience.
 - ¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

What does it mean to love your neighbor?

- We forgive and do not hold it against them.
 - ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15
- We do not harm them with words.
 - “Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.” Titus 3:1-2

The Goals for God's Checklist

- As we grow as Christians, God's checklist should become a way of life for us. Loving God and our neighbor will become a habit and will be displayed in our everyday actions and words.
- Through our actions and words others may come to know God and He will be glorified.

September 11, 2001

- The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as, the crashing of Flight 93 changed our world forever.
- As Christians, we need to pray that God's checklist will become a part of all hearts so we can experience the peace God intended for us to have.

