

Distinctions: How Now Shall We Live?

Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:28-29

Three Guiding Values:

1. Begin with a solid biblical theology about the _____ of God.
2. Love God _____ anything and anyone else with _____ you have.
3. Love others in a way that is _____ only, but is indeed _____, to our love for God and equal to the love we have for ourselves.

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

Matthew 10:16

Five Practical Strategies:

1. Live on _____.
2. Recognize the _____.
3. Do not be _____.
4. Be as _____ as doves.
5. Be as _____ as serpents.

One Example: _____

Two Situations:

1. Should a Christian attend a homosexual wedding?
2. Should Christian parents have a relationship with an adult child and his or her homosexual partner?

Even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:14-17

Fill in the Blank Answers:

Three Guiding Values: identity, above, everything, second, second

Five Practical Strategies: mission, danger, afraid, innocent, wise

One Example: Jesus