

Lessons Learned About God, Life, and Man

1. We cannot ignore the spiritual problems of those around us; God expects us to (and demands that we) do something about it, 6:1-2.
2. When you help someone overcome their sin, you're supposed to do it "in a spirit of gentleness," which doesn't mean that you can't show someone tough love. You can (and should) be tough with someone who needs it, but don't forget the love part, 6:1.
3. You have to be careful when helping someone overcome their sin issue so that you don't fall into sin yourself, 6:1.
4. To be like Jesus means that we do something about those around us who are struggling, whether spiritually, financially, or otherwise, 6:2.
5. People who think highly of themselves are self-deceived, 6:3.
6. Proper self-confidence comes not from comparing yourself to others and concluding, "Boy, I'm awesome!!" Instead, it comes from asking, "Have I done the most with what God gave me?" If you do this and follow through, then you'll truly be happy with yourself, 6:4.
7. God is not going to judge you by comparing you to someone else; He's going to judge you based on your own merit, 6:4-5.
8. You should reward those who teach you God's Word and not just with an annual salary, 6:6.
9. No one gets away with murder: if you live wickedly, you'll reap a life of ruin but if you live spiritually, you'll reap what the Spirit produces, things like love, joy, peace, patience under fire, and self-control, 6:7-8.
10. The saying, "It doesn't pay to be good" is false; God does reward your good behavior, 6:9.
11. Being good will sometimes be discouraging and you may even want to give up, 6:9.
12. God expects us to be good to everyone, especially Christians, 6:10.
13. Some Christians will not live by their Christianity because they fear being ostracized and ill-treated, 6:12.
14. Once Jesus makes us part of Himself, He's rendered the world's influence over us powerless, thus, we should consider ourselves dead to the world's influence, 6:14-15.
15. Once you're part of Christ, following religious rituals (or not) is not the point. What matters is that you are a brand new person in Christ Jesus, 6:15.