

2 Timothy 2:7-19

“The Centrality of Christ
in the Life of the Believer”

Introduction

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This [is] the first commandment.

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And that's our problem so often. As Jesus said, "In the last days, be careful lest you at any time be overcharged with gluttony, surfeiting, or with drunkenness, or the cares of this life so that the day of the coming of the Lord will catch you by surprise" (Luke 21:34). Catch you unaware. Jesus in talking about how that the thorns grew up with the wheat. Identifying the thorns, He said the desire for riches, the cares of this life and the desires of other things choke out the fruitfulness of the Gospel within their life. So the cares of this life can choke out the fruitfulness. No man who is in war, no man who has signed up for the army gets all involved in the little mundane things of life. Hey, I'm in a battle and I can't get bogged down with the cares of this life.

— Pastor Chuck Smith

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Key Verse

1:12-13 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

V 7

May The Lord
Give You Understanding

V7 – May the Lord Give You Understanding

Mark 12:33

"And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

V 8

Remember

V 9

The Word of God is Not Changed

V 10

Enduring All Things for Others

V 10 – Enduring All Things For Others

Romans 8:18

*"I know that the present suffering isn't
worthy to be compared with the glory that
shall be revealed when Christ comes"*

Vv 11-13

You Can Believe This

Vv 11-13 – You Can Believe This

Matthew 10:33

But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

V 14

Don't Be Distracted

Take It Home

Is Christendom the focus of your life, which comes with it a certain culture and mindset, or is Christ, who then gives us the power and the grace to follow after Him wholeheartedly?

Do you hold fast to the death and resurrection of Jesus as the central truth of Christianity, or do other topics occupy your heart and mind?

Are you distracted with the things of this world, be it pain, pleasure, politics, or pursuit, that takes your eyes off the greater glory that is eternal?

MEDITATION VERSE

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(11) [This is] a faithful saying: for if we died with [Him], we shall also live with [Him].

(12) If we endure, we shall also reign with [Him]. If we deny [Him], He also will deny us.

(13) If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

BENEDICTION

2 Thess 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given [us] everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.