

Righteous

If you love Me, keep My commandments.—John 14:15

God does not want us to just profess our love for Him, He wants to see the evidence of our love. My life's verse is Matthew 6:33 which tells me "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.*" The word first indicates priority. The word seek is active. We are to pursue Christ's righteousness.

The first thing, the most important thing, in our life should be to pursue His righteousness. This means we are to obey all His commandments. We cannot pick and choose. Whether it is not to tell a lie, to love others as ourselves, or to have no other gods before God. It is not easy to keep all His commandments but that is how we show our love for Him. To obey and not make excuses.

God expects us to live by His word. He commands us to "*Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength*" (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Our lives should be exponentially different than the way they were before we accepted Christ. Others should see our lives as righteous (not self-righteous). The greatest compliment we can receive is when an acquaintance says, "You must be a Christian." As we actively seek to obey His commandments we show our love for Him.