

SERIES: "1ST THINGS 1ST – THIS IS WHAT WE DO"

MESSAGE: "THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: NO OTHER GODS"

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EXODUS 20:1-3, NLT. "God gave the people all these instructions: 'I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. You must not have any other god but me.'"

MATTHEW 22:37-38, NLT. "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."

WHY IS THIS COMMANDMENT THE FIRST ONE?

1. False gods are _____
2. It's impossible for us to live without _____
3. Keeping the FIRST commandment gives us _____

NO OTHER GODS!

1. We give God our _____

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6, NLT. "So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded."

PSALM 119:45, NLT. "I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments."

2. We give God our _____

MATTHEW 6:24, NLT. "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

3. We make God our _____

ROMANS 12:2, NLT. "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

JAMES 1:22, NLT. "Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."

TITUS 3:8, NLT. "All who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good."

HOW DO WE ELIMINATE ANY "OTHER" GODS?

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9A, NLT. "I once thought these things (vv. 5-6) were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him."

God doesn't want to be our TOP God; He wants to be our ONLY God!

1. We make the _____ to give our hearts completely over to God.
2. We _____ God's Holy Spirit to help us.
3. We stop making _____.
4. We continually _____ how we're doing.
5. We make any and all necessary _____ along the way.
6. We _____ steps 1-5 over and over again.

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