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- **Vs. 6**, Prays good works continue
- **Ephesians 2:10**, *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*
- **2nd Timothy 3:17**, *“...the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

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■ **Vs. 9**, Prays love will abound

- **Philippians 2:2-3**, *“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”*

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- **Vs. 10**, Prays for sincerity without offence
 - **Without Offence**: Not off center or off balance
 - **Sincere**: Genuine, Real, Pure, Not deceitful
- **John 4:24**, *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*
- **1st Corinthians 13:13**, *“...now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”*

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- **Vs. 11**, Prays they be filled with “*fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ*”
– Honest, Truth, Charity, Kindness, Meekness
- **Philippians 3:6**, “*...the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*”
- **Philippians 3:9**, The righteousness that “*is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith...*”

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- **Vs. 10**, Paul also prays they might *“approve things that are excellent”*
 - *“To discern what is best...”*
 - To determine things really important
 - To make good decisions
 - To weed out the good from the bad
 - To not attach to the unimportant

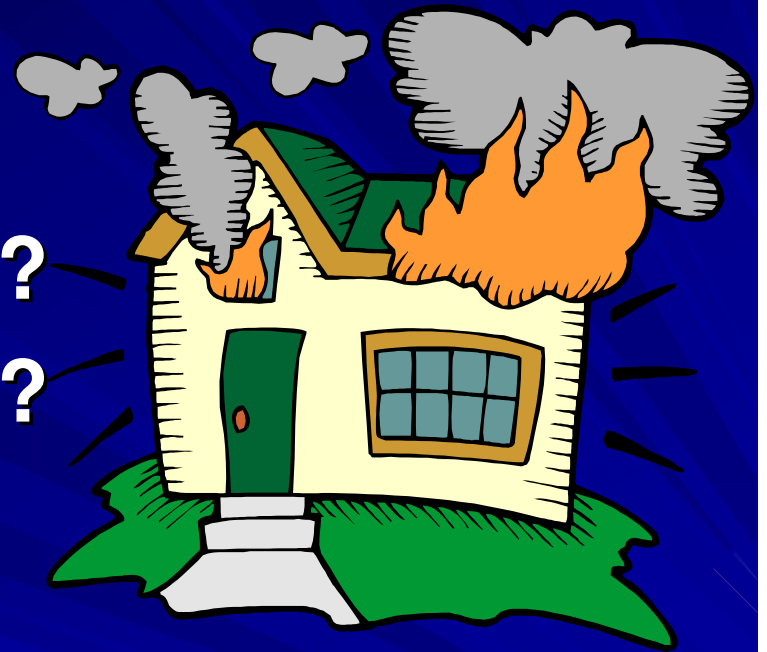
What's really important?

What's Not Important?

Things of this world

- What would you save first?
- What is your first concern?

- No doubt...
 - We place great emphasis on material things
 - We judge self & others on materials things
 - Our souls, and others, are in jeopardy unless we choose the right priorities in this life



Hear the Words of Paul

- **1st Timothy 6:6-10**, “...godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

Hear the Words of Jesus

- **Matthew 6:19-23**, *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”*

What Is Really Important?

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People and their souls!

■ Jesus tells us how important

– **John 3:16**, “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

– **Matthew 28:19-20**, “*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

What's Really Important?

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

■ Paul knew what was important

- **Galatians 6:10**, *“Do good unto all men especially to the household of faith.”*
- **Philippians 1:5-8**, Paul thanked God for the Philippians in every prayer, *“For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.”*

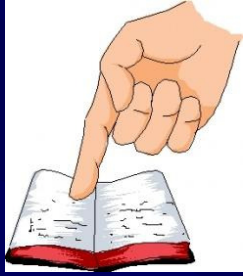
We Can Know What Is Important

■ If we walk with God

- **1st John 1:7**, *“...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”
- **1st John 2:5-6**, *“...whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”*

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- **Philippians 3:13-14**, *“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*
- **Philippians 1:9-11**, *“And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”*



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