

Vintage Christmas

#1: Lessons From A Grinch

What We Learn About Life From A Grinch

1. Remember selfishness _____

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

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Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me."

2. Make Jesus the _____

Philippians 3:8 Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage. All I want is Christ...

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

3. Prioritize _____

Acts 20:35 ...I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

John 3:16 God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

...religion sees things as the issue, but Christianity teaches self is the issue. A lot of people think they are doing things right if they deny themselves cigarettes, booze, or some other vice that is harmful, but they will allow themselves to be spiteful, bitter, selfish, and contentious. They give in to self and they are no better for it because, while avoiding bad exterior things is good, they are not the corrupting issue - selfishness is the corrupting issue. If I can walk in victory in Jesus over self, if I can "die to self," then those outer things that corrupt the body aren't going to be the issue, but neither are the inner things that corrupt the heart."

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Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves...

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

How To Use GPS To Focus On Jesus

How to do GPS: Set the alarms on your phone or watch to go off every hour. When it does, go through the GPS questions:

God Focus: "God, I'm depending on you. Change my heart so that I desire NOTHING in life more than you."

Purpose: "I'm here to serve, Father. So who do you want me to serve in your name?"

Surrender: "Your will be done God. What do you want me to say or do right now for you?"