

The 5 Most Important Things in Life

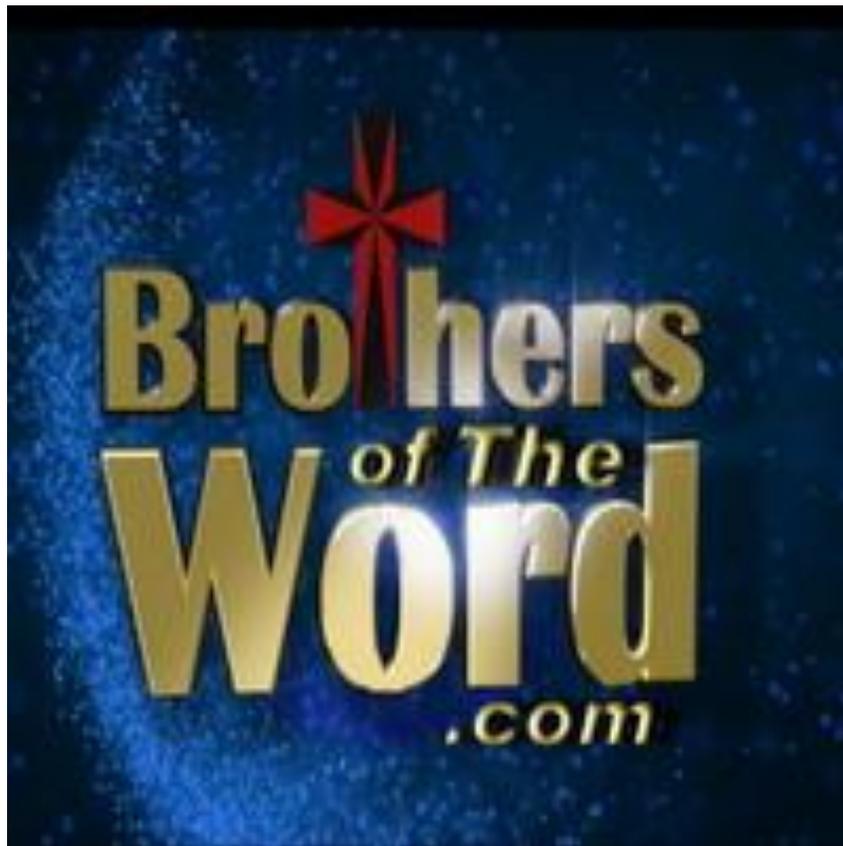
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And now for 5712, The 5 Most Important Things in Life.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of The Word, because brother, you need the word. And today I am finishing up the third sermon that I took a break in the series, The Whole Armor of God, and God said, “You’ll preach three sermons before you resume the series.” The first of that three was Numbers 23. The second was Larry’s Party, the sermon from last week that has done more to change my relationship with my wife than any of the sermons, any of us have heard before.

And today, the sermon today comes from, I was feeling God leading me to talk about the five most important things in life that I teach my family. And these were things that I had thought of through wisdom, and outline them, and we go over them every week in our family study. And the things that I have, spirit, number one, that you need to have joy and peace and temperance, and all of the fruits of the Spirit. Spirit was number one, health was number two. If you didn’t have your health, you couldn’t enjoy anything else. Relationship was number three, and I had changed it to modify, to fulfilling work was number four, and money was number five.

And I was feeling God tugging at me to preach on these five most important things in life. But I thought I still didn’t have it quite right, that perhaps there was something that I needed to modify. I was getting ready to break a fast that I’ve been on for a couple of days, and I was thinking about the five and what I needed to change, and I heard God speak. But you haven’t asked Me what they were. In so many times, we go through life with our own wisdom. And if you don’t hear from God, use wisdom. By all means, use wisdom, because those five things, they’re good. But He said, “You didn’t ask me what they were.” So, I asked, I said, “Well, Lord, what are the five most important things in life?” And He rapidly spoke them, and I have to grab my phone because I

was driving, and I hit the record button, and I just repeated because if you don't repeat it real fast, it fades. So, I wanted to get it just like He spoke it.

So today I'm going to talk to you about the five most important things in life, as He spoke them to me and for my family. Now, they could vary a little bit for your family, because these were direct to me for my family. So, if you would just put the slide with the Five Most Important Things in Life.

Now, what I had as number one was, Spirit, that you ought to be joyous, that you ought to be full of cheer, that you ought to live life with an expectancy. But, you know, you don't really have to even believe in God to do that. You could be a total atheist and be just as bubbly. So, God says, number one, He said, "Serve me." Serve me.

Sometimes, when you're serving God, at certain things, God may send you through, you just may not be the happiest in the world. Have you ever read what some of the prophets went through? God is sending through somebody, they just said, "Kill me, kill me, Lord." So sometimes, when you are serving God, you may not be the happiest in the world. It's like when I've talked about before I began the sermon, when a father is leading a family, sometimes the children are just not happy with the daddy's doing. Because the daddy has to do some things that the children are not happy with at the time.

So, God says, Number one, "Serve me." Serve me. Serve me. And see, that even goes beyond just believing in Him. If you go do a poll in prison right now, 95% of prisoners believe in God. 95% of them believe in Jesus. So, it's not a matter of just believing, you got to serve Him. You have to do.

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And as I thought about it, I said, "But Lord, you used the words, 'Serve me,'" He was speaking to me, so when He said, "Serve me," I understood He was talking about God. I said but if I say that exactly to my children, it almost looked like they're saying they have to repeat is serve me, myself, I. But as I thought about it, when you serve God, you do serve you. Because everything I do

for God helps me. You just can't serve God without Him blessing you. Every command God has given you, even in His word, even under the law, every one of those commands was for the people's benefit.

So, serving God serves you. And that ought to come primary and first before anything. Not just to be happy, you need to serve God. And sometimes when you serve God, the happiness is deferred or delayed. Because most of the things that take you higher in the word, you're not happy when you first start doing it, with anything. You're not happy when you first start doing them. So, the first thing God says was, "Serve me."

Second thing He said was this, "Be in correct fellowship with your brother." Be in correct fellowship with your brother. And I had to ask God, and I said, "Wait a minute." It looks like You would say -- I understand that's the relationship portion that I had in the original five, I said, "But be in correct fellowship with your brother," I said, "Look, Lord, you would have said, 'be in correct fellowship with your neighbor, or be in correct fellowship with your family, or be in correct fellowship with your wife.' Why did You say, be in correct fellowship with your brother?" One of the things is, when God speaks to you, it unfolds over time. And the true divine word usually has meanings on multiple levels. He said, research it. I'm still researching that one, but I'm understanding more and more about it.

First of all, this is what God spoke to me, I have all boys. So, as I teach my family, and I have number two as, be in correct fellowship with your brother, they have to get along with each other as siblings. And do you know that's not easy sometimes? And then I said, "Lord, I've got five brothers, my children have three brothers." I said, "Why didn't you say be in correct fellowship with your brothers? Why singular?" And as I more I thought about it, God, His words kind of unfold. Usually, among all your siblings is one, you have a bigger problem with than others. It's usually one, you have a bigger problem with than others. If you have children, it's usually one, you have a bigger problem with than others.

So, it's that one that you have to spend some extra effort to be in correct fellowship with. Out of my four boys, it's two of them, and they do more at each other than anybody else. I'm too, have a time with each other sometimes. And sometimes, one of them will

say, "Tell him to stop looking at me! He's looking at me!" I said, "What that's got to do with --" "He's looking at me!" So, sometimes, it's just one, and see, one of them has no problem with any of the others, he's got a problem with one. So, be in correct fellowship with your brother. Now that's a whole sermon on what correct is. But you generally know when you are in incorrect fellowship. That's why in First John 4:20, where the Bible says, "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen."

So, basically, I said, "Look, you hate your brother, your sister, and say you love God, you're just a liar." I didn't call you that, the Bible called you that. If you hate your brother or sister and say you love God, you're just lying, because you haven't even seen God, but you have seen your brother and your sister. Be in correct fellowship with your brother. And when you learn how to be in correct fellowship with your brother, especially the difficult one, it'll help you handle all the rest of your relationships because all of the rest of your relationships will funnel out of your relationship at home. And if you have smooth relationships with your siblings, usually, you'll have smooth relationships with everybody else. When you have conflict and friction and hating, and fussing and fighting among your siblings, you'll find that same thing spread out to everybody else. Sometimes you can't get along with your wife, you can't get along with your husband, because you got some issues where you came from.

In the same Spirit, those issues where you came from, you have issues with your momma, you have issues with your daddy, you have issues with your brother, you have issues with your sister. It isn't surprising you got issues with your spouse. Issues come out of issues. So, if you can get it right and be in correct fellowship with your brother or with your sister for those of you who have sisters, if you can be in correct fellowship with them, the probability skyrockets that you will be in correct fellowship with others.

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Number 3, he spoke, "Take care of the temple." I had the subject simply health. He says, "Take care of the temple," and I began to understand why God used, take care of the temple instead of health. Because there are things that you won't do in the temple.

That's the thing you won't do in the temple, at least most people, because the temple is sacred. And when you understand that the body is the temple of the living God, there are just some things you won't do.

See, for example, smoking dope. Now, scientifically, you can argue whether or not weed is harmful. As a matter of fact, in many states, you know, you go to buy your weed, it's a green cross on the door for medicinal weed. So, a lot of folk can argue whether weed is harmful or not. But when you view it as the temple, you would not put weed in the temple.

So, there are things you will not do to the temple that you will do if it's just a matter of health. So, when God says take care of the temple, it's taking the body to another level of reverence that this is God's house, that house has God's Spirit. And what am I going to do with God's temple? You wouldn't join yourself with some people if you viewed your body as a temple. If you just viewed it as just a good time, and just flesh, it changes stuff. But there are some stuff you just won't do in the temple because it won't do it. So, you have to view the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and it changes some things.

So, right now, we desecrate the temple. It's just no question about we desecrate to temple. And I have challenges with this over and over. Sweets are my biggest weakness. This is just a little candy bar here, but this little candy bar gives me a time. I have a time with sweets. And it's not that I have a time with sweets, I have a time with excess sweet. I don't eat just one. I have a difficulty controlling it.

And while I was out of town, God spoke to me about then. He simply says this, he says; "That which you have difficulty or that which you cannot control, you do best to avoid." There are some stuff, people, that you all know you all can't handle going in your body. You just can't take a little drink. You don't need to take communion. You don't need to take communion.

So, there are some things that you know that you cannot control. There are some folks that you know you can't get around with that stuff happening. So, things that you cannot control, you do best to avoid. Simple, simple wisdom. And I even saw it even in a bigger light. When he says take care of the temple, I've got one son already who is an ordain minister. I am a pastor of a church.

I am also responsible for taking care of the temple and the people in the temple. So, God's meaning of taking care of the temple, it went beyond my own body. It went all to you all.

If I come and tell you all some junk and tell you all some stuff for just my own benefit and tried to exploit you, that isn't taking care of the temple. So, God's stuff, it just expands. And the more you look at it, the more meanings come out of it. Serve me. Be in correct fellowship with your brother. Take care of the temple.

The fourth thing he said, "Obtain wisdom. Obtain wisdom. Obtain wisdom." There was once two teachers and they were applying for a job at a school and one had 20 years of experience and one had 8 years of experience. So, the school board met, it was for the job of a principal. And the school board met, and finally decided and they gave the job to the teacher who had 8 years of experience. Well, the one with 20 years just got all -- it got hot. They just got mad, went and storm before the school bus, "Look, I got 20 years of experience, they only have 8 years. Why in the world you give the job to someone with less than half the experience that I have." And they said, "They have 8 years of experience. You have 21-year experiences." Sometimes people, we do the same thing over and over and over and we never learn. And we never learn.

They said, "You've been doing the same thing, the same way over and over for 20 years, you got one year of experience and you just repeat over and over and they have taken that 8 years and grown every single one of those years.

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The bible says, "Wisdom is the principle thing," but wisdom is not that easy to explain and to get. It's just not that easy to become wise and operate in wisdom. Wisdom is the reward you get for listening when you feel like you would prefer to talk. A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns from no one's experience. Wisdom is a powerful thing and if you don't have wisdom, all your actions can just become void and destructive because you don't operate in wisdom. And I have one primary requirement for getting wisdom is this, I want to get my wisdom from someone who has success in the area I want wisdom in.

If I'm weary in my children and I want to ask somebody how to read. I want to go to somebody and their children turn out fine. So, I want to get my wisdom and I have seen this thing over and over and over and over and over again. If you get your wisdom from someone who has success, they will take you to the place where they are. So, be careful where you get your wisdom from. I don't care what it is. Look, if you want wisdom about money, go to somebody who got some money. Don't get your wisdom from somebody who's broke. I'm telling you, now this may sound harsh, but it's a whole different flow of knowledge and that thing is a vibration, it's a spirit and there be subtle things that will just make a difference.

Let me tell you, do you know now, why I started using the graphics and why I started using PowerPoint presentation? You notice I've that for the last three sermons, because three Saturdays go, all of the brothers were at a photo shoot for a cover of a magazine. I was talking about my brother Dale and the time was wearing late in the evening and Bishop Dale, he said, "I got to go because I've got to prepare my PowerPoint for tomorrow." That's all he says, "I got to go because I got to prepare my PowerPoint for tomorrow." But bishop got 20,000 members. So, it's a big difference.

So, when you hang around folks with success, you will pick up more from what they just casually throw out, they're sitting under a fool for years. So, the minute I heard it, I've sorted it into my spirit and went right and got to work on it. But that's where change in my sermons came from. See, that's why I'm careful about who I hang around. And some folk got mad about because I've cut off association. I want to hang around folk who are either going or already at where I want to go, because if you hang around folk, and people, I can tell you just hanging around folk not going somewhere, it'll drain your energy, it'll pull you back. Look at that, it'll mess you up.

I'm serious, literally, looking at it'll mess you up. It's like when I'm out running, and somebody will stop me, "Can I talk to you for a minute?" No, you can talk to me if you can keep up with me. But if I slow down to talk with you, you'd mess me up. It's a difference in helping people that's different. But when you are going on a course in life, you have to surround yourself. The cardinal rule is, you become the aggregate of your five closest associates in every single area. If you surround yourself with

people who have good successful marriages, there's something about it just bloom your marriage, because they sit and talk, "Oh, my baby, this -- oh, he's just so sweet. You can't be going out to eat it." It doesn't make a difference. That thing gets in your mind and all of a sudden, you want to go take your baby out, but if you're -- I slapped that woman. Look, I just slapped her.

Now, if you hear that often enough, yeah, you're locked up and -- "He slept on Friday." So, that's just the day, so whoever you are around, that thing makes a difference. And see, the thing rubs off with parents and it rubs off with children.

I've got my son another car yesterday, so we prayed over it before I came to service. I don't have the family out praying of it. But to get my son out, my wife, so he's taking him with me and he go, "I don't have clothes." I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "He sleeps naked just like you do." You know where he got that from? He got that from his daddy. There's no question about that, Josie's walking around the house all day long with his shirt off just like his daddy.

But the thing about it, their bodies looked just their daddy. They got no belly hanging all over here. So, they will look like, and think like and do and you will to whoever you are around, that thing is going to make a difference. So, the first of rule of wisdom is association. If you want wisdom, associate with somebody who got wisdom. If you won't success in any area, you latch your own tune. And if you can't latch your own tune in the physical, latch onto the rhythm material. Most of the wise, successful people, they've written books, they got seminars and they got all kind of stuff that you can pick up and you can get and it will take you to where they are.

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Obtain wisdom. And the final thing, the fifth thing that God spoke out, after he spoke, "Serve me, be in correct fellowship with your brother. Take care of temple. Obtain wisdom." The fifth thing he spoke, "The crops of your field." The crops of your field. I had in that fifth money, but God says the crops of your field. And I began to look at that and think about it and I began to see the relevance in I told my children the cross. I said, "What field are you all in right now?" They said, "We, in school." Where's your crop, your crop or your grades. So, whatever field you're in,

the crops of your field, the produce, I got crops in business. And our children are our crops. The crops of your field, but in order for you to handle the crops of your field, you need to handle them first, because if you have not obtained wisdom, you can't produce crop. If you're not serving God, everything you're going to do is going to come to not.

So, that's why, if you seek, if you haven't taking care of the temple, you can't do the other stuff. If you got strife among your brother, then even though sometimes, you can produce great money, the spirit of it that goes to is that of dissention and discord. So, God spoke and breathe this for my family. But I believe it applies to yours. You may have to make a few alterations because you may not have all boys, you may have boys and girls, you may have to change that. But the point is, if you've got children, you need to have them train to where they get along. Because if you've got children and they're fussing and fighting, it's going to be fussing and fighting in their house. And you don't want to have them having to go through all of the drama and the mess, the pain and the heartbreak. But when you truly serve God, wait, I'm not just talking about (00:21:46), I'm talking about truly serve God, because serving God, I'm going to tell you right up front, it's not easy. It's not easy. If it was easy, the children of Israel would've stayed and served, but they didn't, it wasn't easy, wasn't easy for the disciples, it's not going to be easy for you. But oh, it's so rewarding.

Nothing that's good is easy. All of the things that empower us, that take us to other levels, all of it has a level of difficulty because it will pull you away from the flesh, away from that which is comfortable, but you feel so good once you got it. I feel so good doing right back on. I just do. I feel so good doing right and sometime without a deviate from that stuff that hasn't done down right, I feel this, I got this problem going on because I knew I haven't done what God told me to do? I said, "I sure wish I hadn't done that," serve him. And when you serve God, he will serve you.

That's why he said, "Look, in order to please him, two things, you got to believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him." So, if you serve him, you can't make God happy if you don't believe he rewards you. If you serve him, you can't even make him happy. So, I believe when I'm doing right back on, I expect a reward because he said, "Look, you can't please

me. If you don't believe that I will reward those who diligently seek me, you can't please me if you don't believe that." So, if you serve God, it will change your world. It will change everyone who is under you and it will even change those who are over you. If you serve him, if you are incorrect fellowship with your brother, if you take care of the temple. If you obtain wisdom, and if you take care of the crops of your field.

So, those are the five most important areas of life that God spoke unto me. There may be some that you may think are missing, but by the time you have all five, see it may be some commandments missing out of the ten. But by the time you have all of ten, you probably can all you can have. If you see about those five in that order, I believe it will transform life, it'll transform relationship, it'll transform money, it transforms health, transforms everything in your life, it just transforms it for the better. So, I believe it, I look forward to it. My time is out.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you today for just your words of wisdom. I pray the anointing over all who hear, let them hear and do. In thy son, Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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