

# **Philosophy of Life and Ministry**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Philosophy of life and ministry: to know, love and glorify God, be used of him to raise up qualified laborers as fast as possible to help fulfill the Great Commission.

II. We should know God because it is his desire. (Habakkuk 1:13; Hosea 6:6; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 3:10; Psalm 27:4; Exodus 33:13; Amos 3:3; Psalm 119:55)

A. To know God we must be obedient. (John 14:21)

B. To know God is to please God. (Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5)

C. To know God we must go through Jesus. (John 14:6; 3; 5:39)

## III. We should love God.

A. Jesus commanded it. (Matthew 22:34)

B. Loving God is a matter of choice. The emotions are subject to the will. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20; 5:29)

C. Loving God results in keeping his commandments. (John 14:15)

D. Loving God is spending time with him.

E. Loving God is loving other people. (Matthew 22)

## IV. We should glorify God.

A. We glorify God because it is the purpose for which we were created. (Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 4:11)

B. We glorify God by praising him. (Psalm 50:23)

C. We glorify God by bearing fruit. (John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23)

D. We glorify God by believing him.

E. We glorify God by confessing Jesus as Lord. (Philippians 2:11)

F. We glorify God more by what we are than what we do. (Ephesians 1:12)

## V. To be used of him.

A. Only God produces fruit. (Psalm 127:1; 1 Corinthians 3:6)

B. To be used we must be fit to use by the Word of God. (2 Timothy 2:19; 3:17)

C. Christians should not adopt the retirement philosophy.

VI. To raise up.

A. God sends forth laborers, and it is our object to pray. (Matthew 9)

B. A laborer is trained and equipped to do what God wants him to do. (John 6:25)

C. The Great Commission.

1. Mark gives the scope of the Great Commission in Mark 16:15.

2. Luke gives the message of the Great Commission in 24:45: repentance (a change of mind and bearing fruit) and the remission of sins, which demands time in the Word of God. (Luke 13; Matthew 3:8)

3. John gives us the motivation for the Great Commission in John 20:21 to do the will of the Father

4. The power of the Great Commission is found in Acts 1:8 to be the Holy Spirit.

5. Matthew gives method of the Great Commission in 28:19-20: winning men to Christ and making disciples.

**Application questions:**

1. How can you go about knowing God more and practically helping others to know him as well?

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2. What does it look like to glorify God?

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3. How would you articulate your life mission in light of the message?

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