

Questions and Answers – Lay Institute

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I. Introduction.

II. It is not necessary to confess sins to people it might hurt such as a current spouse if it does not involve them.

III. We can love others as an act of the will even if our emotions do not immediately line up because God never asks us to do something we cannot. Love is an unselfish concern which desires the best for the other person and really accepts him or her.

IV. If we do not love Christians, we better make sure we are Christians to begin with. We are known by our fruit. One must repent. (Luke 13; Matthew 3)

V. Jesus should be in charge of the local church. (Ephesians 5; 4:1-3)

VI. Be consistent and hold your ground by making up your mind to do it. (Ephesians 6:13)

VII. A divorced person can pray for another mate if the divorce is legitimate (through adultery or a spouse that has left). God is able to forgive divorce. (1 John 1:9)

VIII. Assurance of salvation are not based on feelings. They are based on fact. (John 1:12; Revelation 3:20)

IX. The will of God for everything is to be like Jesus. His specific will for us is never in opposition to his word. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13)

X. There comes a point in every person's life where they are responsible for their decisions apart from their background.

XI. Get into the Word, pray and count your blessings daily and God will reveal his will to you. Also confess your sins.

XII. Love and pray for your grand children who are in rebellion.

XIII. Worry is a lack of faith, which is sin. (Romans 14:23)

A. Believe that God is sovereign.

B. Believe God knows what is going on.

C. Believe God has all power. (Matthew 28:18)

D. Believe God loves you. (John 13:1)

XIV. Even if you do not feel you have any talents to give to God, you can serve him and use the gift he has given you, whatever it is. (1 Corinthians 12)

XV. Do not interpret any verse of the Bible except by the context of the whole Bible.

XVI. We are reluctant to witness to others because we believe the Devil's lies.

XVII. If you have a lost desire to serve Christ, get back into fellowship with him.

XVIII. Overcome spiritual pride by know who you are. (1 Corinthians 1:29; Jeremiah 17:9; Philippians 3:3; Jeremiah 29:11)

XIX. Maintain pure thoughts by guarding your eye gate and ear gate. Put pure things in your mind. (Proverbs 4:23)

XX. Keep short accounts with God because you may need an overhaul if you ignore things. God cleanses us from all unrighteousness when we lay before him what we know. (1 John 1:9)

XXI. God cares about all our problems.

XXII. One person cannot have an argument. Take responsibility for your own part.

XXIII. Prioritize your life by figuring out biblical priorities. We either play to God as audience or people.

XXIV. If you give your wife the leadership she needs, she will respond to you.

Application questions:

1. Which question and answer did you find most valuable?

2. Which question might you have answered differently?

3. What lingering questions do you have? What are some good resources you can use to find out more?
