

*"They Sacrificed Unto Devils, Not To God;* *to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock That Begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God That Formed thee."* Deuteronomy 32:17-18 KJV

What do you sacrifice and for what do you sacrifice it? Time is our most precious commodity and it's frittered away in pursuit of wealth or pleasure. We tell ourselves it's to help our loved ones and yet, are we deluding ourselves? Do we not take pleasure in the fruits of our labor? Jesus Admonished, *"He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."*



He didn't imply that we are to not love our family, rather, that our love for God should be so great that all other love is hate by comparison. The First Commandment Is, *"Thou Shalt Love The LORD Thy God with ALL thine heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with All thy might."* If you have not given "all," what are you keeping back? None of us can truly say we have kept the First Commandment; therefore, we are guilty of all. *"For whosoever shall keep The Whole Law, and yet offend in One Point, HE IS GUILTY OF ALL."* Breaking the First Commandment makes me as guilty as an adulterer or murderer. Some of us have gone so far as to forget the God of our Salvation or at the very least, pay little attention. What is it that sits on the throne of our heart in God's Place? What is it that induces lawlessness in our hearts? What occupies our thoughts and motivates our actions? Something as simple as giving heartfelt thanks before meals has been cast away. Oh, I'm not talking about the family meal. I'm talking about the mid-morning snack, or the afternoon coffee-break. Are we embarrassed of our God? Do we value the opinion and esteem of our fellow man more highly than God? Have we forgotten that without His Blessing we could not hope to survive? Think of it this way; if you sincerely ask God to Bless your food, wouldn't it negate anything harmful in it? Wouldn't it preclude any overindulgence on our part? If God told Joshua that there is *"good success,"* the reverse must also be true. I wonder: What would "bad success" be? Could it be having all the money and things you want, so you wouldn't have to depend on God at all? I wonder. Do you fret over your job or income? Did God not Promise to *"Supply ALL your needs?"* Or, is it that we "want" more than our "needs?" Do we fret, because we covet? *"Thou Shalt Not covet."* Is our faithlessness a direct result of our lawlessness? Does God withdraw from us or do we withdraw from Him? *"Search me, O God, and Know my heart: Try me, and Know my thoughts: And See if there be any wicked way in me, and Lead me in The Way Everlasting."* God's Word Will Only Search your heart if you read and apply It.

The demon god, Prosperity,  
 Cannot supply necessity,  
 When death comes knocking at the door,  
 You'll find that you'll be needing more. -CGP

*"Remember NOW thy Creator..."* Pursue God with your whole heart, soul, and mind. Seek *"good success."* Nothing will amount to anything without God's Approval. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God...proving what is Acceptable unto the Lord."* Trust and obey is the essence of Faith.

*"Remember NOW thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, 'I have no pleasure in them.' Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God Who Gave it."* Ecclesiastes 12:1, 7 KJV