

~ Worship by Putting God 1st ~

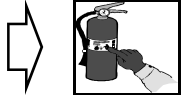
-10 Commandments-

"whenever God says **DO NOT** in the Bible it is for a positive purpose".

"when He says **DO NOT** it is for our benefit".

"when we don't obey it usually brings pain & hurt".

[Child – stove/fire]



The first and greatest commandment
"YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME" [This is for our benefit]

**He deserves to be put 1st – He created you and me –
We exist because He decided He wanted us to exist – Everything we have in our lives we have because He has given to us.**

This commandment summed up – PUT GOD FIRST !!!!

A "God" - is Anything that has priority in your life over the one true God.

1. people 2. Food 3. Sex 4. Shopping 5. Career 6. Recreation 7. Money 8. Position 9. Identify 10. Always needing to be right.

God says – "put me first in every area of you life."
Matt. 6:33 Matt 22:37

When we put God 1st in every area of our life – it is the essence of worship.

How can we put God 1st – we can start by giving Him priority in each of the following areas :

1. FAMILY – [Eph. 5:25] – Treat them according to God's Word and you are honoring & worshipping God.

A. HOW – by putting their needs 1st– [through] – sacrifice / humility / kindness / gentleness.

2. Work – [Col. 3:23] - When we put God first in our lives work then we our working for Him and we work in a way that should bring honor to Him – this is Worship.

A. HOW – by honoring with the way we work. [by not taking advantage of]. Ethics / Attitude / Appearance

3. Relationships – [1 Cor. 15:33] - When we put God first in our lives we should carefully choose our close friends. A. Why – because we become like those we spend the most time with. [Proverbs 13:20].

B. How – 1. by evaluating who we spend the most time with and how that affects us. 2. By putting God 1st in our relationships.

4. Schedule – [Eph. 5:15-16] – Putting God 1st in the area of using our time wisely is to Worship Him.

A. HOW – by making sure we allow time first of all for God. [reading / prayer / worship].

5. Finances – [Prov. 3:9-10] – by giving the giving of your finances you are honoring & worshipping God.

A. HOW – by giving your tithes – by putting God 1st when it comes to our finances. Matt. 6:19-21.

6. Troubles – [Ps. 50:15] – we should look to God first when problems arise by doing this we are putting Him 1st. A. HOW – by casting our cares on Him and not totally relying on self for the solutions.