

## You Can't Make It Without Him

**Purpose:** *An attempt to help you to become aware of the necessity of honoring God and His Word first in your life.*

I. The importance of knowing God's word.

A. The first four Commandments. Our relationship to God

1. (NKJV) Ex 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 **“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.**

(NKJV) Dt 5:1 And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: **“Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. 2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive. 4 The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. 5 I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said: 6 ‘I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 7 ‘You shall have no other gods before Me.**

2. **4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.**

**For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

(NKJV) Dt 5:8 **‘You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 10 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

3. **7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.**

(NKJV) Dt 5:11 **‘You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.**

4. **8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of**

**the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.**

**(NKJV) Dt 5:12 ‘Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.**

5. Summary

- a. Love God and that no one before him
- b. Have no idols
- c. Don't misrepresent the name of the Lord
- d. Set aside one day to honor him out of seven

B. We must honor the Word of the Lord if we want to be successful in life.

**(NKJV) Mt 7:24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, And does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.**

**26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”**

**UNLESS HE BUILDS IT, IT WILL FAIL**

C. The most important thing you can do is learn and do God's word! There are tremendous blessings associated with this!

1. To not know God makes you a slave to things of the world.
  - a. Debt, poverty, lack, sickness, depression, struggles, disappointment, pain, suffering, discontent, hurtful life, and many other afflictions. However, God delivers the righteous!  
**(NKJV) Ga 4:8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.**

**IMMATURITY IN THE WORD IS COSTLY**

**Ga 4:1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

2.

**YOUR IMMATURITY IN THE WORD WILL HURT YOUR CHILDREN!**

**(NKJV) Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.**

3.

- D. He told us to put him and his word first for our own benefit. Blessings follow obedience to his word.

**WE MUST MAKE THE EFFORT TO LEARN THE WORD OF GOD!**

**(NKJV) Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**

**(NKJV) Jos 1:6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

- E. The word must be first! A dedication to it shows our love of God

**(NKJV) Dt 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.**

**7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

**8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

*Keep him first!*

**10 “So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, 11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full— 12 then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.**

**13 You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you 15 (for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth. 16 “You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.**

*Remember the Sabbath and study his word!*

**17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.**

*Do what the word says to do and  
you will be blessed!*

**18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers, 19 to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.**

F. We must mature in the word

1. We must learn to grow up in Christ. We must the more be like him who died so that we might have life more abundantly! We must learn to practice love of one another.

**(NKJV) 1 Pe 2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,**

The verses ahead of this

**(NKJV) 1 Pe 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,**

- G. Getting back to the word
  - 1. Get a physical Bible!
    - a. Mark it up. Make notations of things you want to remember.
    - b. Highlight your favorite scriptures
  - 2. Start journaling
    - a. make notes and comments of what God says to you
    - b. have a page for each sermon
- H. Inductive Bible Study
  - 1. Observation
    - a. discover what it says
    - b. 5W's and an H
      - (1) who, what, when, where, why, how
    - c. mark key phrases
    - d. make lists
    - e. look for comparisons and contrasts
    - f. note expressions of time
    - g. geographic locations
    - h. see points of conclusions
  - 2. Interpretation learn the principles of
    - a. context rules
    - b. pray and listen to the Holy Spirit
    - c. remember Scripture will never contradict itself
      - (1) look for Scripture validation of Scripture
    - d. interpret Scripture literally
    - e. look for the simple meaning of a passage
  - 3. Application
    - a. apply the word to your situation properly