

Reiteration:

I'm somewhat repeating a previous essay that I wrote named "Values within a certain Order." It is also on our website.

There is a great need to know God's order for us. God spoke to Moses, "You shall have no other gods before Me." We're likewise commanded to love God with all of our hearts, soul and mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

There is no doubt then that God is to be number 1 in our lives. It's interesting to learn that we'll also be able to love others better when God is number 1. What we once thought was love cannot even come close to the love of God in our hearts.

Something to watch out for: It's now fashionable to put families first. Certainly we need to love our husband, children, and others, but they are not Lord. Again when we follow the Lord, He will teach us how to love our families even better than before.

Wives are to respect their husbands greatly and be of help to them. Husbands are to be head of the family. We're to love our children, to teach and nurture them. Putting God first and following His ways for living bring peace to our lives and others.

Something else to watch out for: It's also fashionable in these times to give and receive many pats on the back, hugs, and words of encouragement. That can be over done. Certainly we all need some encouragement. That's part of love; however, we need to be able to go on and be strong when there is none of that and even when there is criticism. When you follow God there may not be gushiness. People may not understand your actions, even people closest to you. You may not be the most popular person in the world. But it's a good thing to be popular with God. His pleasure and His will are what we seek.

Read the Bible to find out what God is like and how He wants us to be. Blessings on you as you follow God's will in your life!