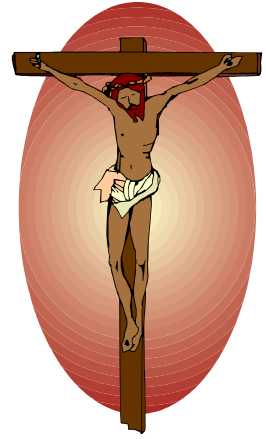


Keeping Jesus Central

Ephesians 6: 7 & Colossians 3:23

“Doing your job with Jesus as the supervisor”

Keeping Jesus Central #2



KJC's: Inward-Focused or Others-Focused

“Sowing the Seed”:

A human being is, to say the least, an interesting creation of God. To add more intrigue or humor, let's take it one step further and think about us men. I was listening to a radio show on one of my business trips through Nebraska a while back. A point made by Gary Smalley, the guest of the talk show, caught my attention. He was talking about the differences between men and women, stating one of the driving forces of a man is he has to “conquer or win”, or is the “hunter/seeker”, or the “provider of immediate solutions”. Whereas a woman tends to search-out, think-over, or “shop”. Bottom line we are all unique creations of God with pre-determined gifts and purposes.

Often in my daily job functions (and at home), I find myself “conquering” or “bowling-over” others. By doing so, I usually seek out the quick solution and focus on what I think is the “big picture”. If something doesn't seem important to me I forget about it and move on, without thinking about what is important to the other person or people. Does this sound familiar?

What has just been laid out is a great case of “inward or self focus”. As Christians one of our main goals is to be like Christ our Savior. Jesus was not and is not “inwardly focused”. His life and teachings are the foundation of leading by example. He focused on the needs of others, always sought out those in need, looked for the good in a person, and always strived to do God's will, not His own.

In the future let's try to approach everything that comes your way in an “other's-focused”, meaningful way, with an attitude that is pleasing to God. Is this a lot to bite-off? You bet it is! Will we falter? Probably. Be comforted though, knowing that Jesus died on the Cross for you, not only to forgive you of past sins, but also to forgive those sins yet to occur!!! What a great gift we have been given. If you have not done so already, ask to receive the free gift of eternal salvation. All you have to do to receive it is invite Jesus in to your life. Do it today. It is up to you!!! This will be the best relationship you ever had!!!!

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Read the following verse from The Bible:

- Matthew 20:26 to 28
- Philippians 2: 1 to 11
- Luke 10:27
- Luke 6:31,32
- Mark 2:17

Additional suggested reading:

The Purpose Driven Life, by Rick Warren

- Page 74, “.....do everything to please God.....”
- Page 88, “.....change your attitude towards what you do.....”
- Page 96, “.....opportunities big and small.....”
- Page 103, “.....engage your mind.....”

Discuss these KJC's with others! Remember, Christ is with you! Matthew 18:20

