

“Things God Wants from Each of Us”

Eccl. 12:8-14

Introduction

- I. God is right to expect certain things from His creation.
- II. Too many lose sight of what really matters, and from time to time, we need to be reminded.
- III. Let us notice some things that God wants from each of us.

Discussion

- I. God wants us to be faithful.
 - A. All Christians are to be people of faith (Rom. 10:17; 6:17-18).
 - B. It is explicitly commanded that we be faithful (1 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 2:10).
 - C. Being faithful requires a belief of facts, trust in promises, and obedient to commands (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25; Luke 16:10).
- II. God wants us to be honest.
 - A. In order to please God, a person must have an honest heart (Luke 8:15).
 - B. Honesty should permeate our lives (Rom. 12:17; 2 Cor. 8:21).
 - C. Dishonesty is associated with the devil (John 8:44).
- III. God wants us to be servants.
 - A. Christians have been bought as bond servants to Christ (1 Cor. 6:10; Acts 20:28).
 - B. A servant must be willing to obey his master (cf. Luke 22:42; Matt. 8:9; Luke 17:10).
 - C. Servants should be hard workers (Col. 3:23; Rom. 12:11).
- IV. God wants us to work together.
 - A. Being the body of Christ means that each part of the body is important (1 Cor. 12:27; 21-26).
 - B. We should work in harmony (1 Cor. 1:10).
- V. God wants us to love.
 - A. Jesus acknowledged that love among Christians serves as a sign of discipleship (John 13:34-35).
 - B. Too many do not understand what real love is (1 Cor. 13:4-8).
 - C. Absence of love is ungodly (1 John 4:8-11, 16-21).

Conclusion

- I. God has every right to expect certain things from all of us.
- II. These are just some things that allow a Christian to be pleasing to God.