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## **“Down to Earth Devotion”**

**“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)**

### **Proxy Principle**

**John 5:22-23 – <sup>22</sup>“For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.”**

**John 15:23 – “Whoever hates me hates my Father also.”**

**Matthew 10:40 – “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”**

**Matthew 25:40 – “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”**

### **Divine Sensitivity**

**Zechariah 2:8-9 – <sup>8</sup>“For this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye—<sup>9</sup>I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.’” (NIV)**

**1 John 4:20 – “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”**

**1 Samuel 24:5-6 – <sup>5</sup>“And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. <sup>6</sup>He said to his men, ‘The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’s anointed.’”**

## **Lending to the Lord**

**1 John 3:17-18** – <sup>17</sup>“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

**Proverbs 19:17** – “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.”

**James 1:27** – “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...”

## **Respecting Authority**

**Mark 7:10-13** – <sup>10</sup>“For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

**Romans 13:1-2** – <sup>1</sup>“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)