

### **God is at the center of everything**

- **He is all existent** (Exodus 3:14)
  - From the beginning (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1)
  - From everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 93:2)
  - “Was and is and is to come” (Revelation 4:8)
- **He is in charge of this world**
  - God sends the sunshine and rain (Matthew 5:45)
  - God gives fruitful seasons and food (Acts 14:17)
  - Every good and perfect gift is from God (James 1:17)
- **However, he will not force himself into our life** (Romans 1:24-25)

### **God must be emphasized in our youth**

- **Remember your Creator in your youth** (Ecclesiastes 12:1)
  - We have a personal responsibility to make God a habit in our lives (See Daniel 6:10 and 1 Corinthians 16:15)
  - Lest we grow old and do not desire God or die without having remembered our Creator
- **It is the parent’s responsibility to raise their children up in the way of the Lord**
  - The Israelites are an excellent example (Deuteronomy 6:7)
  - It is wise (Proverbs 22:6)
  - It is commanded (Ephesians 6:1-4)
- **It is a responsibility of those who are more mature**
  - Timothy was to be an example to others (1 Timothy 4:12)
  - Older women are to teach younger women (Titus 2:3-5)
  - Younger men should be urged to be self-controlled (Titus 2:6); perhaps this is learned from the older men (Titus 2:2)

### **God must be emphasized in our pleasure**

- **Entertainment is not inherently sinful** (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25)
- **But we must beware our pleasure becoming sinful**
  - The Hebrew writer notes that sin is pleasurable (Hebrews 11:24-25)
  - When we love our pleasure rather than God, it is sin (2 Timothy 3:4)
    - When we consider the things Paul lists this trait with, he undoubtedly has sinful pleasure in mind (vv. 2-5)
    - We want to ensure that our pleasure isn’t (1) sinful or (2) more important than God
  - God must come before the world (Colossians 3:1-2)

### **God must be emphasized in our pursuits**

- **We want to be hard workers and represent God in our work** (Ephesians 6:5-7)
- **We must seek God first** (Matthew 6:33)
- **In all things, we must serve God** (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11)