***WHY DO I EXIST?***

**Question: Why did God create me?**

**Biblical Answer: God created you and me because He loves us and wants to have a close relationship with us … and it brings Him pleasure!**

Acts 17:24-28 (all scriptures NIV): “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth … From one man He made every nation of men … God did this so that men would **seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him**, though He is not far from each of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being…”

Ephesians 1:3-5: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He **chose us** in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In **love**, He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His **pleasure** and **will”.**

As Christians, we are:

1. His **“people”** ( II Cor 6:16; Titus 2:14; I Peter 2:9-10; Rev 21:1-4)
2. His **“family”** (Luke 8:19-21), His **“children/sons”** (Gal 3:26-29; Rom 8:14-17; Eph 1:5); His **“offspring”** (Acts 17:28) and **“heirs”** (Gal 3:29; Rom 8:17), and members of His **"household"** (Ephesians 2:19)
3. His **“friends”** (John 15:14-15; Luke 12:4)

**Question: As Christians, what should be our top priorities in life?**

**Biblical Answer: The bible gives us several connected and complementary priorities, including:**

1. *Knowing God* (Phil 3:7-11; Jer 9:23-24; II Tim 1:12; II Peter 3:18; Rom 11:33-36)
2. *Glorify God/Have God Glorified* (I Cor 10:31; Mat 5:16; Rom 11:33-36; I Tim 1:12-17; II Peter 3:18)

Develop and nourish three sets of important **relationships** (upward, inward and outward):

1. *Love, Worship & Exalt* ***God*** (Mat 22:37-38; Mark 12:28-31; John 15:4; Acts 2:43)
2. *Love, Disciple, Edify and Build up* ***Believers***  (Eph 4:11-16; John 15:12; Acts 2:42; Mat 28:19-20)
3. *Love, Evangelize and Reach out with compassion and grace to* ***Unbelievers*** (Mat 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; John 15:27; Acts 2:47; II Cor 5:14-21)