

time went on the group would hold great wonderful properties, but every individual had the vow of poverty and God has not called on to to take a vow of poverty, but God has called on us to make mighty sure that our love to God is far more important than it is toward any accumulation of any property, anything we may get.

Then there is the pride of life. With most of us it is a thing to watch very carefully, and Oh how the devil can sneak up on us. You get busy and devote yourself to the Lord's service and put him first, in everything you think, and you feel that you have laid aside your pride altogether. Then somebody comes up and says, That was a great message you gave today; I'm sure many people were led to the Lord today by that message. You swell up and say, Isn't that great; I really am something! In everyone of us the pride of life is there.

We must learn to put the love of God first--love the Lord our God with all our heart. But that does not mean that we are afraid to speak to people because we think we are nothing! God wants us to have reasonable pride, to realize that God has made us in the image of God. That we are individuals who need not fear to face anybody anyway and to give them God's message. We need not shrink before anybody because we are inferior. We must put God first.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and with all they might and with all thy strength. Let's pray: O God our Father as we look forward to the summer, we know that temptations will assail us. Some may be assailed by great temptations to go into wickedness, to go into sin. O protect them. We pray your strength and your blessing during this summer and the time ahead. That you will help them to put their eyes on Christ and put him first.

But our God, most of us will not have such temptations. But all of us will have little temptations, to put what we enjoy, what we would like to have, what we would like people to think about us, to put one of these things in a more important place in our lives than our love to God.

Help us our Father to bow in adoring praise before the Creator of the universe. Help us to look to Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity who gave his life that whoever believes on him might not perish but have eternal life, to look to him constantly. Help us, our Father, in the little temptations, in the little difficulties, in the little problems that we will have this summer and every summer to show forth that we truly are striving with all our strength to love the Lord with all our heart, with all our ~~xxx~~ soul and all our mind and with all our strength. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.