

COMMUNITY & INVOLVEMENT

God Cares, do I?

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MATTHEW 22:33-40

When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

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MATTHEW 22:33-40

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

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MATTHEW 22:33-40

Jesus replied:

"'Love the Lord your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

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And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel:
The LORD our God, the LORD is
one. Love the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your
strength.

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DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

These commandments that I give
you today are to be upon your
hearts. Impress them on your
children. Talk about them when
you sit at home and when you
walk along the road...

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DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

...when you lie down and when
you get up. Tie them as symbols
on your hands and bind them on
your foreheads. Write them on
the doorframes of your houses
and on your gates.

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LUKE 10:25-29

On one occasion an expert in the
law stood up to test Jesus.
"Teacher," he asked, "what must I
do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?"
he replied. "How do you read it?"

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LUKE 10:25-29

He answered:
"'Love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all you soul and with all
your strength and with all your mind';
and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus
replied. "Do this and you will live."

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LUKE 10:25-29

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus,

"And who is my neighbor?"

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COMMUNITY & INVOLVEMENT

the lost art of community and God's radical design to love your neighbor

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THE TRIUNE GOD

Perfect Unity, Relationships, Equality, Roles, Authority & Submission

Matthew 28:19

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

John 10:30
John 20:21
John 14:26

John 14:26

John 16:7

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THE FAMILY

Exodus 20:12, 14, 17

Husband

Wife

Children

Eph 6:4

Eph 6:1-3
Col 3:20
Prov 1:8
Deut 6:6-7

Gen 1:26-28
Gen 2:18-24
Mat 19:4-8
Mal 2:13-16
Eph 5:22-33
1 Pet 3:1-7
Col 3:18-21
Titus 2:4-5
Heb 13:4

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THE CHURCH

Exodus 20:12, 14, 17

Christ

Leaders

Flock

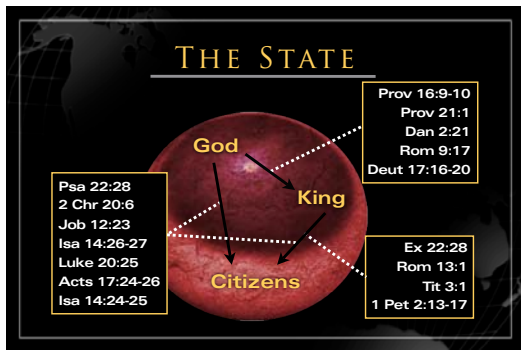
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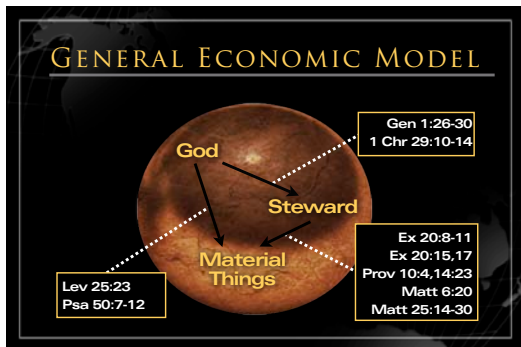
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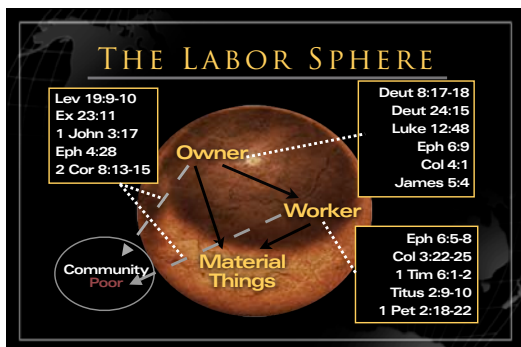
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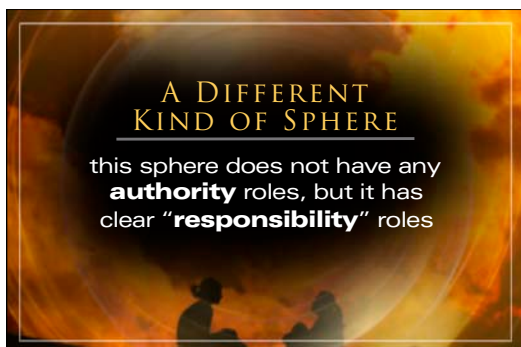
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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Luke 10:29

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In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side..."

Luke 10:30-37

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

Luke 10:30-37

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper.

'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Luke 10:30-37

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:30-37

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?


Luke 10:29-37

the story of the **Good Neighbor**

what was the **Question**?

did Jesus **Answer** it?

who are the **Main Characters**?



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**GOD'S DESIGN
FOR THE COMMUNITY**

pondering the
Word of God...


& looking for the
Heart of God...



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1 SAMUEL 2:8


He raises the poor from the
dust and lifts the needy from
the ash heap; he seats them
with princes and has them
inherit a throne of honor.



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JOB 5:11


The lowly he sets on high,
and those who mourn
are lifted to safety.



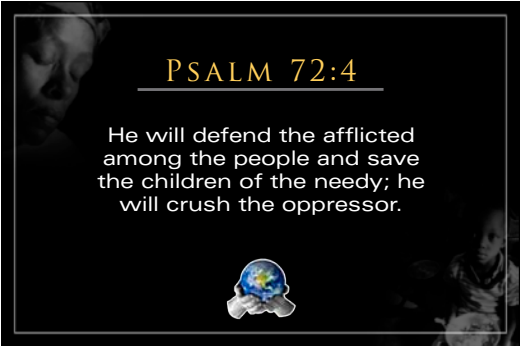
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PSALM 12:5

"Because of the oppression of
the weak and the groaning of
the needy, I will now arise,"
says the LORD.
"I will protect them from those
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PSALM 72:4

He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.



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PSALM 138:6

Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar.



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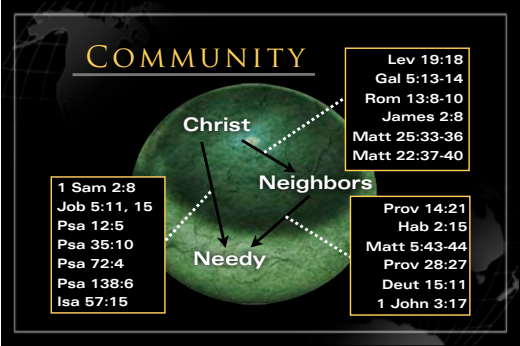


THE HEART OF GOD

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Christ

Neighbors

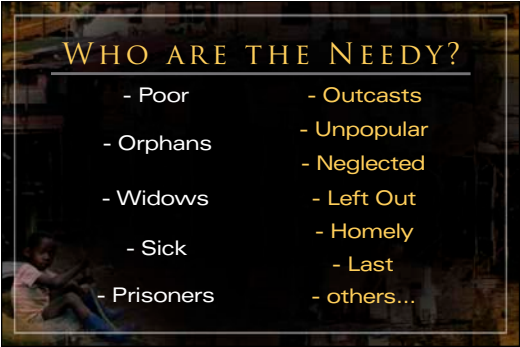
Needy

1 Sam 2:8
Job 5:11, 15
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Isa 57:15

Lev 19:18
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Matt 25:33-36
Matt 22:37-40

Prov 14:21
Hab 2:15
Matt 5:43-44
Prov 28:27
Deut 15:11
1 John 3:17

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WHO ARE THE NEEDY?

- Poor
- Orphans
- Widows
- Sick
- Prisoners

- Outcasts
- Unpopular
- Neglected
- Left Out
- Homely
- Last
- others...

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God's **Heart** for the **Needy...**

1 Samuel 2:8
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap...

Deuteronomy 24:14
Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy...

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He saves the needy from the sword in their mouth; **he saves** them from the clutches of the powerful.

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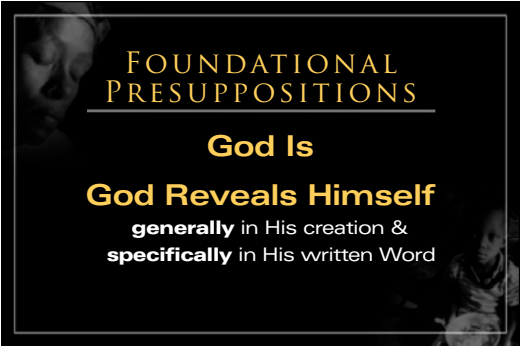
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OUR SOURCE OF TRUTH

FOCUS ON THE NATURE OF GOD

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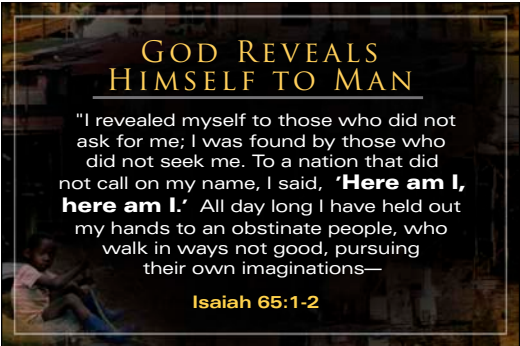
FOUNDATIONAL PRESUPPOSITIONS

God Is

God Reveals Himself

generally in His creation &
specifically in His written Word

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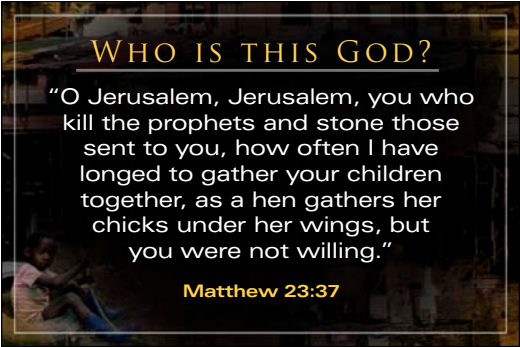


GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MAN

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, '**Here am I, here am I.**' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—

Isaiah 65:1-2

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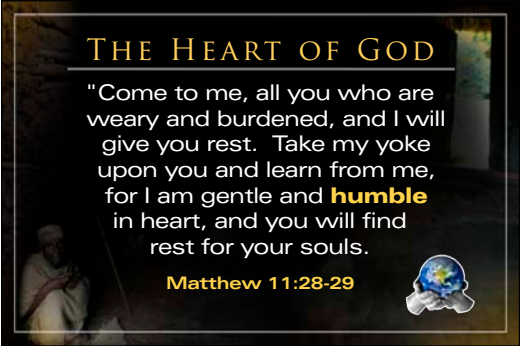


WHO IS THIS GOD?

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."

Matthew 23:37


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THE HEART OF GOD

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and **humble** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29



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METAMORPHOO'

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed** into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.


2 Corinthians 3:18

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"TAPEINOS"

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the **humble**.

Luke 1:51-52




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"TAPEINOS"

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the **humble**."

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:6,10



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JOHN 14:4-9

"You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well..."

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JOHN 14:4-9

From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

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DON'T MISTAKE THIS

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Humility is not **"Timidity"**!

"MAN OF STEEL AND VELVET"

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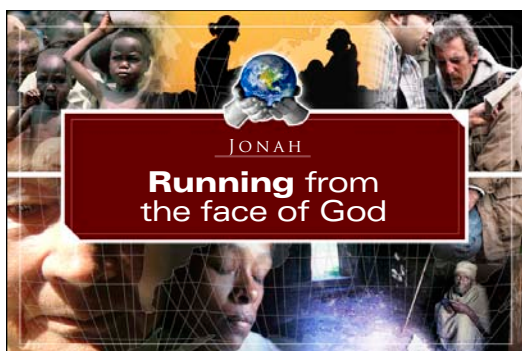
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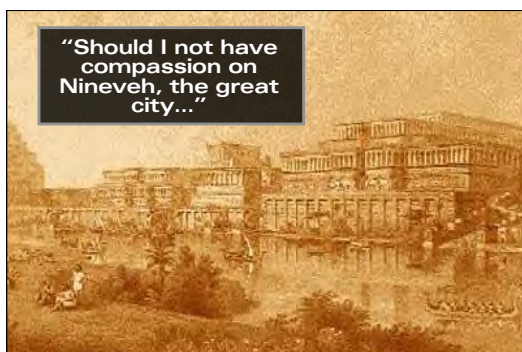
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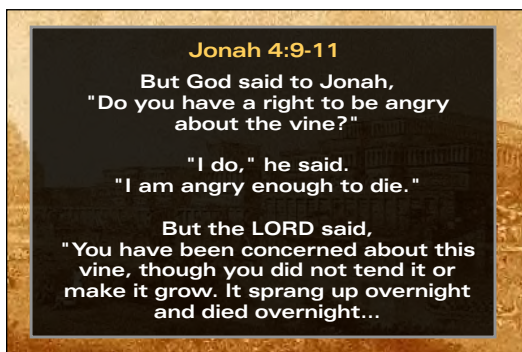
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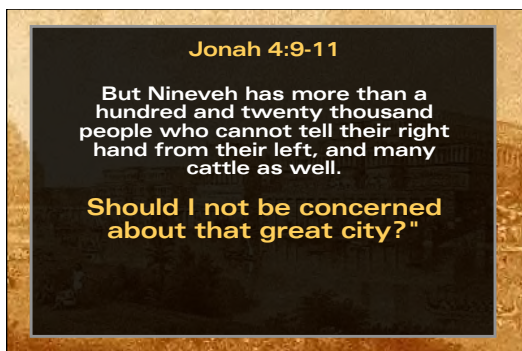
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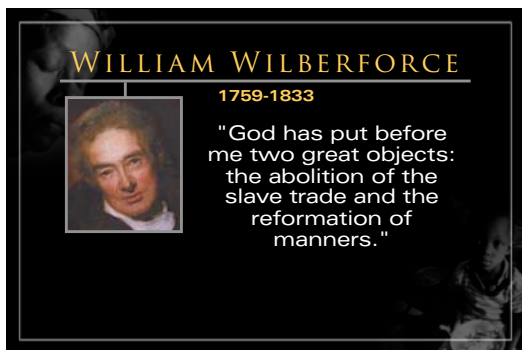
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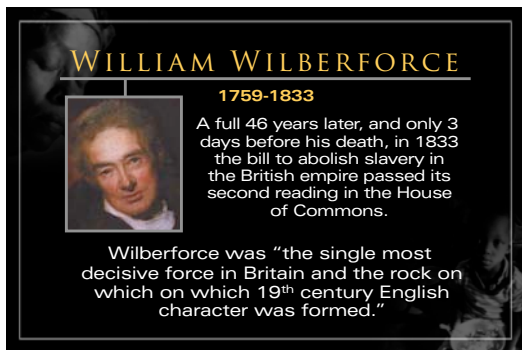


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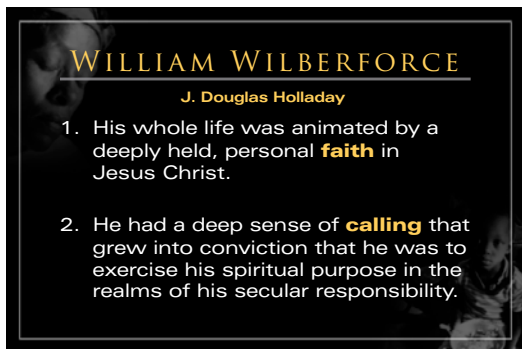
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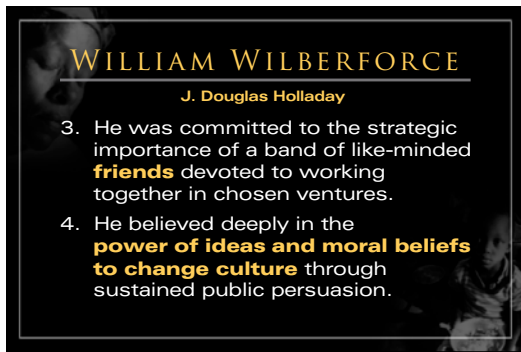
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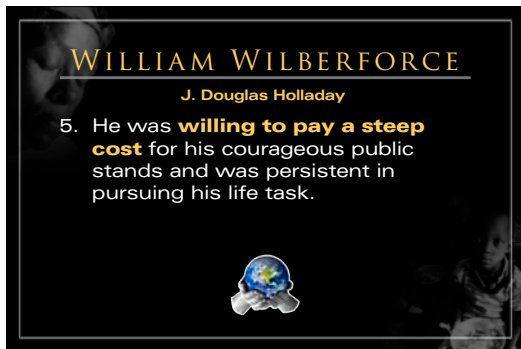


WILLIAM WILBERFORCE
 J. Douglas Holladay

3. He was committed to the strategic importance of a band of like-minded **friends** devoted to working together in chosen ventures.
4. He believed deeply in the **power of ideas and moral beliefs to change culture** through sustained public persuasion.


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5. He was **willing to pay a steep cost** for his courageous public stands and was persistent in pursuing his life task.



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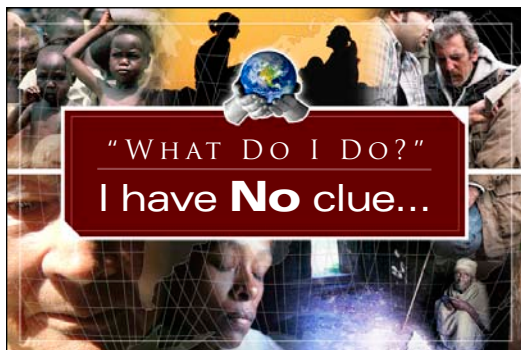


WE ARE IN GOOD COMPANY
 "Cloud of Witnesses"
 (Hebrews 11)

Early Christians Later Christians

"...the world was not worthy of them."

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"WHAT DO I DO?"
 I have **No** clue...

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