

In the First Place, to Love the Lord God

by St. Benedict of Nursia

The sermon emphasizes the importance of loving the Lord God with one's whole being and prioritizing this love above all else.

Topics: "Loving God", "Christian Ethics"

Description

St. Benedict of Nursia preaches on the importance of living a life of love and righteousness according to God's commandments. He emphasizes the need to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. St. Benedict also teaches against sins such as murder, adultery, stealing, coveting, bearing false witness, and encourages honoring all people. He highlights the significance of self-denial to follow Christ, chastising the body, avoiding attachment to worldly pleasures, and practicing acts of charity and compassion towards others.

Transcript

1. In the first place, to love the Lord God with the whole heart, the whole soul, the whole strength. 2. Then, one's neighbor as oneself. 3. Then not to murder. 4. Not to commit adultery. 5. Not to steal. 6. Not to covet. 7. Not to bear false witness. 8. To honor all (1 Peter 2:17). 9. And not to do to another what one would not have done to oneself. 10. To deny oneself in order to follow Christ. 11. To chastise the body. 12. Not to become attached to pleasures. 13. To love fasting. 14. To relieve the poor. 15. To clothe the naked. 16. To visit the sick. 17. To bury the dead. 18. To help in trouble. 19. To console the sorrowing. 20. To become a stranger to the world's ways. 21. To prefer nothing to the love of Christ.

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