

# Morning Lesson

## WHERE IS THE PUNCTUATION?

1 Pet. 3:10, 11

### INTRO:

1. Our life is determined by where we put the punctuation, or emphasis.
2. Jesus said that the most important thing in life is to love God above all else.
3. That love is exemplified through obedience to his will. **1 John 5:3; John 14:15**
4. Where should I put the punctuation in my life?

### I. MY OWN SALVATION.

- A. The first time that salvation in the name of Jesus was preached people were told to save themselves.  
**Acts 2:36-40**
- B. Paul encouraged people to tend to their own salvation.  
**Phil. 2:12**
- C. When Jesus gave the greatest commandments he talked about loving yourself. **Matt. 22:37-39**
- D. I cannot share what I do not have.

### II. HUMILITY.

- A. This is a principle that goes way back. **Prov. 3:34; 18:12**
- B. Humility is a Christ-like character trait. **Phil. 2:8**
- C. In order to be humble, I must know who I am and properly love myself.

### III. GROWTH.

- A. If a child or a Christian does not grow properly, it is a sign that something is wrong. **2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 5:12**
- B. Growth requires nutrition. **1 Pet. 2:2**
- C. Paul was thankful for the growth of the Christians in Thessalonica. **2 Thess. 1:3**
- D. If I am not making the effort to grow spiritually, then I will be easy pickings for Satan.

### CONC:

1. Our chief emphasis must be on Jesus Christ.
2. He is our Lord, our King, our guide, and our Savior.