The Responsibility of the Created to the Creator

- 1. God's creative power is far beyond human ability and should produce respect for the Creator (Ps. 113:5-6)
 - a. The entirety of man is to fear God [respect; revere; honor] and keep [obey]

 His commandments (Ecc. 12:13-14)
 - b. This should begin in youth (Ecc. 11:9-12:1)
- 2. God's creative power should cause all to worship and bow down before the Creator (Ps. 95:6)
 - a. We are not worshipping idols (Acts 17:16-31)
 - i. Idolatry is the epitome of foolishness (Ps. 115:1-8)
 - ii. Far too many are worshipping the creature [created] instead of the Creator (Rm. 1:18-25)
 - iii. The Creator has been forgotten even by some claiming to be God's people (Hos. 8:14)
 - b. We worship as God instructs [truth] with the proper attitude [spirit] (<u>Jn.</u> 4:20-24)
 - c. We humble ourselves before God understanding He is the Creator (<u>Jm.</u> 4:10; 1 Pt. 5:6)
- 3. God's creative power is witnessed in His perfect law (Ps. 19:7)
 - a. Marriage (<u>Mt. 19:1-6</u>)
 - i. Only one exception which can result in divorce (Mt. 19:7-9)
 - ii. God is serious about His Law (Mt. 19:10-12)
 - b. Murder (Gen. 9:5-6; Gal. 5:21; 1 Jn. 3:15; Rev. 21:8, 22:15)
 - c. Mirth (<u>Ecc. 2:1-3</u>)

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- i. Alcohol (Eph. 5:18; Pr. 20:1, 23:29-35)
- ii. Tobacco, marijuana, other drugs (<u>Rm. 12:1-3</u>; <u>1 Cor. 6:20</u>; <u>Col. 3:17</u>; <u>1 Th.</u> 5:6-8; 1 Pt. 5:8)
- d. Money (Pr. 3:9-10)
 - i. Four authorized ways to obtain money (Col. 3:17):
 - 1. Work (2 Th. 3:10; Eph. 4:28)
 - 2. Inheritance (Dt. 21:17; Pr. 13:22; Lk. 15:11-12; 2 Cor. 12:14)
 - 3. Investment (<u>Mt. 25:27</u>)
 - 4. Gift (Mt. 2:11)
 - ii. Gambling is excluded and thus sinful (<u>Pr. 13:11</u>, <u>28:8</u>, <u>22</u>; <u>Lk. 12:15</u>; <u>1</u><u>Tim. 6:6-12</u>; <u>Mt. 6:19-21</u>)
- e. Modesty (<u>1 Tim. 2:9-10</u>)

Conclusion

- 1. God is the Creator, and we are the created
 - a. We have no right to back talk to the Creator (Rm. 9:19-20; Isa. 45:9)
 - b. We have every right to glorify the Creator in all that we say and do (<u>1 Cor.</u> <u>6:20, 10:31</u>)
- 2. The Creator is worthy to receive glory, honor, and power (Rev. 4:11)
 - a. May we understand that He is everything and we are dust (Ps. 103:13-14)
- 3. God is the Creator!