

All Of Me: Loving God With All Your Heart

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All Of Me, Pt.1

Mark 12:28, *One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” 29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. 30 **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” 32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is One and there is no other but Him. 33 To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask Him any more questions.*

Deuteronomy 6:4, *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

By Referencing The Shema, Jesus Was Reminding Them:

-God Had Already Done His Part In Their REDEMPTIVE HISTORY!

-They Already Knew The Right Thing To Do, But WERE NOT DOING IT!

-They Needed To Personally Respond To God's Word With The RIGHT ACTION!

Mark 12:30, *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

To Love God With All Your Heart—You Must:

1) Recognize That Your Affections Follow Your TREASURE

Matthew 6:21, *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

2) What You Treasure Determines Your DEVOTION

Matthew 6:24, *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

3) What You Are Devoted To Defines Your DIRECTION

Psalm 42:1, *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God.*

4) Remember That Your Direction Brings GOD'S BLESSINGS

Romans 8:28, *And we know that in all things God works for the **good of those who love Him**, who have been called according to His purpose.*

2 Chronicles 16:9, *For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.*

Memorize This Passage This Week:

Psalm 86:11, *Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. 12 I will praise You, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever.*

Questions To Help You Put This Message Into Practice:

-Where Am I Putting My Treasure? What Do I Truly Treasure?

-What Areas Of My Life Do I Need To Be More Devoted To God?

-What Adjustments Do I Need To Make To My Current Spiritual Direction?

-What Blessings Do I Already Have From God That I'm Not Thanking Him For?

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