

All Of Me: Loving God With All Your Strength

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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.*

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.*

Thoughts On Serving God With All Your Strength:

-Past Failures Don't Keep You From Serving God TODAY

Luke 22:31, *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." 33 But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with You to prison and to death." 34 Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know Me."*

Romans 12:1, *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

-Don't Judge Or Look Down On The Service Of OTHERS

Romans 14:4, *Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own Master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.*

1 Peter 5:5, *... All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*

-Serving God Means God Gets All THE CREDIT

1 Peter 4:10, *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Five Biblical Principles Of Loving God With All Your Strength:

1) Serving God Is Why You Were SAVED

Ephesians 2:8, *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Romans 7:4, *So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.*

2) Serving Others Is SERVING GOD

Colossians 3:23, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that*

you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Matthew 25:40, *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.’*

3) Serving God Guarantees Your Life Won’t BE WASTED

1 Corinthians 15:58, *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

4) Serving God Earns Rewards For You IN ETERNITY

John 12:26, *“Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me.”*

Matthew 25:21, *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”*

5) Serving God Is The Path To TRUE GREATNESS

1 Timothy 1:12, *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His service.*

Matthew 20:25, *Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

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