

LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT

I. LOVING GOD MEANS...

- A. Knowing who God is, the Creator, Lord, King, and all supreme One
- B. Knowing what God is like, that He is holy, awesome, powerful, good, merciful, forgiving, loving, patient, wise, compassionate, omniscient, omnipresent, faithful, righteous and just
- C. Knowing that you are loving the Lord your God
- D. Knowing that you are commanded to love God
- E. Knowing this love is spiritual, supernatural, eternal, continuous and personal

II. LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND STRENGTH

You are to love God with every facet of your being. Nothing is to be held in reserve. Who you are as a person, spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically, is to be wholeheartedly involved in loving God. Mark 12:30, 2 Corinthians 12:15

III. LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

This word heart refers to your innermost being, the core of your personal being. It is not a superficial and outward love, but a love that comes from the very center of your being. Psalm 51:6, 10; Proverbs 4:12

IV. LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

The soul has to do with your innermost being, but it relates more to the emotions, to the feelings, affections and passions you have for God. It relates to your zeal, your overall excitement and desire to live for God.

V. LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND

Your mind relates to your ability to think, reason and make decisions. You need to be thinking about who God is and what He is like, how you can love God and love people, and can fulfill His purposes. Romans 12:1-2

VI. LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

God has given you arms and legs, hands and feet, eyes and ears so you can serve Him. You want to use your body, your strength and your energy to love God. As you get older, you lose strength, but you are to use whatever you have for God. Romans 6:13

VII. LOVING GOD WITH YOUR THOUGHTS

You are to have loving thoughts about God and towards God, for the greatest thing you can do in your thought life is to love God.

This then will affect your thoughts towards people. Psalm 104:34

VIII. LOVING GOD WITH YOUR WORDS

You are to tell God that you love Him. Your love for God is also seen in what you say, in your speech being God-honoring and God-glorifying. Psalm 18:1; Eph. 4:15, 5:1-4

IX. LOVING GOD WITH YOUR ACTIONS

How you work at your job, how you treat family members, how you serve in the church, how you use your time, how you use your money and abilities, are all ways that you show your love for God. Ephesians 5:9

X. SPECIFIC WAYS TO LOVE GOD

- A. We are to love God by obeying God, by keeping His commandments. John 14:21, 23
- B. We are to love God by loving others. Mark 12:31, Luke 10:25-29
- C. We are to love God by hating evil and by being holy. Psalm 97:10
- D. We are to love God by praising and thanking God. Psalm 18:1, 49

XI. THE KEY TO LOVING GOD IS KNOWING THAT HE LOVES YOU

1 John 4:19, Jude 21, Psalm 63:1-4, Psalm 26

KEEP YOURSELVES IN GOD'S LOVE
AS YOU WAIT FOR THE MERCY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
TO BRING YOU TO ETERNAL LIFE.

Jude 21

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. What does it mean to love God with all your heart?
3. If you are loving God with all your soul, then what will that look like?
4. Why do you need to use your mind to love God?
5. How are you using your physical body to love God?
6. How are you loving God in your thought life?
7. Why is loving God related to obeying Him? How are you obeying Him?