

### LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*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?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)

#### ❖ Loving God with all your Heart

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 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.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)

#### 1. Your heart is the ESSENCE of who you are.

*"You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."*

Matthew 12:34 (NIV)

#### 2. Your heart is the center of your INTELLECT.

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...*

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

#### 3. Your heart is the seat of your CONSCIENCE.

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."*

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)

#### ❖ To love God with all your heart is WORSHIP.

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"*

Luke 4:8 (NIV)

#### 1. Worship is the action of ATTRIBUTING WORTH to something or someone.

#### 2. Worship is the expression of what is MOST IMPORTANT to you.

#### 3. Worship of God is always tied to SUBMISSION and SERVICE.

#### ❖ The Measure of Our Love; The Marks of our Worship

*"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"*

Luke 6:46 (NASB)

1. We worship God with our TIME.

*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his returning is drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

2. We worship God with our TALENTS.

*However, He has given each one of us a special gift according to the generosity of Christ. That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, He led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."*

Ephesians 4:7-8 (NLT)

3. We worship God with our TREASURES.

*"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."*

Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

- ❖ Closing Challenge: How is your LOVE? How is your WORSHIP?