

Love God, Love Others

MATTHEW 20:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' ³⁷ And he said to him 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ and a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ And on these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.' MATTHEW 9:4-8 ESV

I. Ideas about Loving God

1. Loving God means putting God _____.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. Matthew 6:33 KJV

2. When I love God first, I live His _____.

For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 ESV

3. Our hearts can take good things and make them

_____ things.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. Haggai 1:7 KJV

4. Loving first is a _____ process.

The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20b KJV

II. The Great Commandment

1. A question is asked. (v. 34-36)

2. An answer is given. (37-38)

3. A double command. (v. 39)

4. One shows itself in the other (v. 40)

III. Loving God First

1. Loving God first means spending time in _____.

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord. My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Ps. 84:2 ESV

2. Loving God first means reading His _____.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105 KJV

3. Loving God first means identify our _____.

Nevertheless, I have somewhat against you because you have left your first love. Rev. 2:4 KJV

God's love is a giving love that must be received!