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# Our Love For God

**Mk. 12:30**

# Introduction

- **Here is a command that is at the heart of Christian living**
- **This verse needs to be in our minds continually**



# Heart

- “To love God with all our hearts means to have our feelings, desires, emotions, affections, and longings involved in the process of **serving** God.” Bob Winton



# Heart

- We can't please God on emotion only-----our emotions must be under control and guided by knowledge
- Emotions are important—Lord's Supper—baptisms—the hurting-- Lost souls



# Heart

- Luke 10:20 “rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”
- **Rejoice** = to feel or express great joy or happiness
- Phil. 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.”



# Soul

- This is loving God with our **life**
- The willingness to give our whole life to the Lord
- Rom. 12:1-2
- Mt. 16:25



## Rom. 12:1-2

- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*



## Rom. 12:1-2

- **2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**





# Mt. 16:25

- **“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”**



# Mt. 16:25

- **“One must give himself fully to do the Lord's will and be the Lord's person if he expects to be a citizen In heaven” Bob Winton**



# Mind

- Fully dedicating our mind to his service
- Those who do not take the time to learn the will of God really do not love him
- Rom. 10:3



## Rom. 10:3

- **“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”**



# Mind

- **Jn. 14:15**
- **We cannot keep that which we do not know!**
- **To love God with all our minds we must study**
- **Acts 17:11**
- **3 Jn. 3**



# Acts 17:11

- **“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”**



## 3 Jn. 3

- **“For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.”**



# Strength

- With our **all**---our abilities, talents, time, money etc.
- **Mt. 25:15**
- “To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.”





# Strength

- **Ps. 90:12**
- **“So teach us to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts  
unto wisdom”....(“that we may  
get a heart of wisdom”)**



# In Conclusion

- **Loving God is giving our ALL—  
it is much more than lip service**
- **Mind**
- **Heart**
- **Soul**
- **Strength**



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