



SERMON NOTES

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Love, Relationships & the Church

Part Four - Love Your Neighbor

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Mark 12:28-34 (NLT)

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" 29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. 30 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' 31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." 32 The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. 33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law." 34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

1. LOVE IS A _____

Song of Songs 8:7 (GW)

7 Raging water cannot extinguish love, and rivers will never wash it away. If a man exchanged all his family's wealth for love, people would utterly despise him.

2. LOVE _____

Luke 6:28 (NLT)

28a Bless those who curse you.

3. PEOPLE WHO _____

Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

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Matthew 24:12 (WEY)

12 and because of the prevalent disregard of God's law the love of the great majority will grow cold;

HOW TO LOVE GOD

HEART: The control center of humans represents our will.
Love God with our decisions.

SOUL: Our self-conscious thought life or our emotions.
Love God with our desires.

MIND: Our thought capacity.
Love God with our thoughts.

STRENGTH: Our bodily powers.
Love God with our actions.

3. LOVE YOUR _____

Mark 12:31 (NLT)

The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor...'

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NLT)

4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.[a] 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Leviticus 19:18 (NLT)

18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

4. LOVING _____

Mark 12:31 (NLT)

31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Answers:

- 1) GIFT
- 2) GOD
- 3) NEIGHBOR
- 4) YOURSELF