



# THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

## DAILY TIME WITH GOD GENUINE LOVE FOR GOD

### Lesson 2:

Read the following passage and ask the question; how does it relate to the example Jesus set in Mark 1:32-39?

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall 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: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:28-33

If this was Jesus' summary of the Law and Prophets (Old Testament), how important should this verse be to us?

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What wisdom is Jesus revealing to us by sharing this verse?

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What does it mean to love the Lord your God with...

- All your heart?

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- All your soul?

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- All your mind?

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- All your strength?

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How does loving God this way impact our relationships with people? Why does it impact our relationships? What is the relationship between loving God the way it is described in Mark 12:28-33 and the offerings or sacrifices we give to the Lord?

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This passage from Mark 12:28-33 presents us with a profound teaching from Jesus, which is often referred to as the Great Commandment. Jesus was asked by a scribe about the most important commandment, and His response encapsulates the essence of the entire Law and Prophets: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This verse should hold immense significance for us because it serves as a foundational principle of the Christian faith. Jesus is revealing the wisdom that our relationship with God should be characterized by wholehearted devotion, encompassing every aspect of our being—our emotions, our thoughts, our will, and our physical efforts. When we love God in this manner, it naturally impacts our relationships with people. Loving God wholeheartedly aligns our priorities, attitudes, and actions with His will, which in turn leads us to love and serve others selflessly. Our love for God becomes the wellspring from which flows love and compassion for our neighbors.

Regarding offerings and sacrifices, Jesus is emphasizing that loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength is far more significant than mere religious rituals. It's about genuine, heartfelt devotion that surpasses external acts of worship. While offerings and sacrifices were important aspects of Old Testament worship, they were intended to be expressions of love and obedience to God. Jesus highlights that the core of our relationship with God is love, and our offerings and sacrifices should flow from a heart that loves God completely.

Therefore, as we reflect on the example Jesus set in Mark 1:32–39—His dedication to prayer and communion with God—we can see how the Great Commandment in Mark 12:28–33 reinforces the idea that our daily time with God should be characterized by wholehearted love, devotion, and seeking of His presence. This deep and intimate relationship with God not only transforms us but also impacts how we relate to and serve others, making it a central aspect of our daily walk with God.

Are you engaging with God through mere rituals or is your relationship genuine and from the heart?

How might you make changes to your daily routine to show God that He is a priority in your life?

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## Homework for Week 2:

- Practice reciting the previous 2 memory verses chosen from Lesson 1: Psalm 5:3, Psalm 143:8, Matthew 6:33, John 15:5, Hebrews 4:16, James 4:8.
- Memorize Mark 12:28–31 “And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall 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: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
- As you continue practicing your daily time with God, take the next step by incorporating prayer into your moments with Him. Let your conversations with God flow naturally from your heart, sharing your hopes, concerns, and gratitude. In this sacred silence, let His words etch themselves into your heart, guiding your steps and nurturing your spirit. Pray His words found in Scripture back to Him.