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## The Most Important Thing

**Matthew 22:35-40** - *One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, ““You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

1. Devotion To God.
2. Compassion For Others.

**Our Love Directed To And Received From God Is Necessary For Us To Love Those Around Us**

**Without A Right Relationship With God, Our Relationships With Others Will Not Be Right, Either**

**Are We Living According To These Commands?**

**Galatians 3:24** - *...The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.*

**Our Entire Life Must Be Involved In Loving God**

**Romans 12:2** - *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

**Ephesians 4:23** - *Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <sup>22</sup> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.*

**2 Corinthians 10:5** - *We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.*

**Heart, Soul, And Mind Operate In Agreement In Our Love For God**

1. What Area Of Your Love For God Needs Maturing?
2. Are You Willing To Give That Part Of Yourself To Loving God?