

# Learning to Love God: The Greatest Commandment

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## Introduction

- A. Deuteronomy 6:1-6.
- B. For families, for life, for blessings.

## I. Commandments in the Bible.

- A. The number of commandments in the Old Testament.
- B. The “least important” commandment in the Old Testament.
- C. The “greatest commandment” (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Lk. 10:27).
  1. Learning to love God is based on our \_\_\_\_\_, not on our feelings.
  2. Compare Jesus’ questions in Matt. 16:15 and John 21:15-17.
- D. Compare Deut. 6:5 with Mark 12:30.
  1. Why the apparent difference?
  2. The *shema*.
  3. The Hebrew word *lebob*.

## II. Loving God Begins With Pursuing Personal Integrity.

- A. Mark 12:30.
- B. Personal capacities.
  1. Mind, Attitude (feelings, emotions, conscience), Speech, Actions, Will (desires, motives).
  2. Who are you, really—the “core” of who you are?
  3. Hypocrisy vs. integrity
- C. Biblical applications.
  1. Romans 12:1-2 (*metamorphousthe*).
  2. Colossians 3:5-10.
- D. **Personal integrity** (see chart on “Loving God With Personal Integrity” that includes Bible references on the event webpage).
- E. **Individual expression**
  1. 2 Cor. 10:5 “Take every thought captive.”
  2. E.g., Reading, hobbies, leisure, money, education, social media, work, sexuality, Internet, music, media, etc.

## Reflections

- A. Questions:
  1. How *consistent* are you in how you live?
  2. How much do you *consciously consult Scripture* to guide how you live?
- B. Refer to the chart on “Learning to Love God and Others” on the event webpage.