

Learning to Love God

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Introduction

- A. The commandments of God (Deuteronomy 6:1-9).
 - 1. Keeping God's commands (Deut. 6:1-3).
 - a. For FAMILIES (Deut. 6:2,20)
 - b. For LIFE (6:2)
 - c. For BLESSINGS (6:2-3)
 - 2. Persistent application and prominent visibility (Deut. 6:8-9).
 - a. The phylacteries (*tefillin*). (Matt. 23:5)
 - b. The Mezuzah
- B. The commandments:
 - 1. They are for ALL of you (plural).
 - 2. They are for all of YOU (singular).
 - 3. They are all about LOVE.

I. Commandments in the Bible.

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

II. Loving God with Your Worldview

- A. A **"worldview"**: "The basic beliefs one assumes or thinks to be true about life's BIGGEST questions."
 - 1. Life's biggest questions.
 - 2. Different worldview answers.
 - 3. Visual illustrations.
- B. A **"Christian worldview"**: "The basic beliefs one assumes or thinks to be true about life's biggest questions that are informed by the WORD of God, motivated by the LOVE of God, and lived by the POWER of God." (See John 17:17; Mark 12:30; Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; Eph. 1:13-14; Luke 11:28; Col. 1:10; 3:1-17).

- C. A Christian worldview is not just something you **HAVE** _____; it is something you **LIVE** _____ (John 14:15,23; 1 John 1:6; 2:3-4).

III. The Layers of a Christian Worldview

Loving God and loving your neighbor. (See the charts on the event webpage).

A. **Personal Integrity.** (See Rom. 12:1-2)

1. **MIND** _____
2. **ATTITUDE** _____
3. **SPEECH** _____
4. **ACTIONS** _____
5. **WILL** _____
6. Hypocrisy vs. integrity

B. Individual Experience (2 Cor. 10:5b)

C. Relationships

D. Academics

E. Social Impact

F. Apologetic Influence (2 Cor. 10:4-5a)

Reflection and Conversation Questions

1. What did you learn that was new, insightful, challenging, or troublesome?
2. In terms of personal integrity, in what ways are you not always consistent?
3. What Scripture(s) seem particularly important or relevant for you?
4. Refer to the chart on “Learning to Love God and Your Neighbor” on the event web page. In what areas are you doing pretty well? What areas need the most improvement?