

**Love God, Love People
The Demands of Christ
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Matt 22:37 - Jesus said to him, “ *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*”

John 8:42 - Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.”

Mark 7:6-9 - He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘ *This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*’

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” 9 He said to them, “*All too well* you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.”

I. TO LOVE SOMEONE MEANS THAT YOU WILLINGLY EXPRESS _____ TO THEM

Love is _____, it's bold, it takes risks.

I John 4:19 - We love Him because He first loved us.

II. TO LOVE SOMEONE MEANS THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO FOCUS YOUR _____ ON THEM

God knows us and wants us to know him.

Psalm 139:1-3 O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

III. WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL USE YOUR _____ TO PLEASE THEM

God wants us to serve him with our _____.

God wants us to see him with our _____.

God wants us to serve him with our _____.

I Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Col 3:23 - And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

IV. CONCLUSION

Do you really love the Lord?

Matt 4:10 - Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, *You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*”