

With All My Heart

Loving God Series - Part 1 of 4

"Of all the commandments, which one is the most important?... 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" -Mark 12:28-30 (NIV)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DEVELOP AND ALL-OUT LOVE FOR SOMEBODY OR SOMEONE?

- It occupies much of your waking thoughts
- It impacts the majority of your decisions
- It causes you to make sacrifices
- It energizes your life
- It rearranges your priorities

AN ALL-OUT LOVE FOR THE LORD WILL INVOLVE:

All Your Heart - your feelings

All Your Mind - your thoughts

All Your Soul - your will

All Your Strength - your energy

HOW DO YOU LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART?

1) Talk to God aloud and with emotion
Psalm 3:4

- Talk to God about your feelings (Psalm 3:7)
- Talk to God about your weaknesses (Psalm 40:17)
- Talk to God about His strengths (Psalm 29:9)
- Talk to God about your fears (Psalms 25:20)
- Openly and emotionally admit your sins (Psalms 38:17-18)

2) Picture God's presence and actions

- Picture His Greatness (Ps. 8)
- Picture His Care (Ps. 23)
- Picture His Character (Ps. 36)
- Picture His Blessings (Ps. 24)

3) See yourself as God sees you
Psalm 139:14; Psalm 17:18

4) Strive for a pure heart
Psalm 51:10

5) Praise God with other people
Psalm 34:3