
Living on Purpose: Loving God

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If We Were to Reduce the Bible Down to Its Most Basic Components So that You Would Know How to Get Connected to God and Get Growing as A Christian It Would Be to...

Love God

“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment...” *Matthew 22:37–40, ESV*

Love Others

“... And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” *Matthew 22:37–40, ESV*

Serve Your World

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” *Matthew 20:28, ESV*

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” *John 20:21, NLT*

Why Do We Need Encouragement to Love God?

Satan Has Blinded Our Eyes to True Love

We Never Learned to Love Well

To Love God Is to Worship and Praise Him

“Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” *Luke 4:8, NLT*

To Love God Is to Put Him First

"I shall love the Lord My God with all My heart and with
all My soul and with all My mind"

The Focus Is: An Undivided Love

I Make Loving Him My 1st Priority

To Love God Is to Desire Him, to Yearn for His Righteousness, His Word, and His Grace

"As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God."
Psalm 42:1, NKJV

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and **live righteously**, and he will give you everything you need." *Matthew 6:33, NLT*

To Love God Is to Obey Him

"If you love me, obey my commandments... All who love me will do what I say." *John 14:15, 23 NLT*

"When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love."
John 15:10, NLT

"Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome." *1 John 5:3, NLT*

I Naturally Want to Please the One I Love

3 Key Needs in Couple or Family Relationships

Are You Available?

Are You Responsive?

Are You Emotionally Engaged?

Why?

When I Truly Love Someone, I Am
Constantly Seen Moving Towards Them