

Title: Two commandments and a commission
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a: Two commandments - values

Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

1. What is this “love” God is talking about?

geset (Hebrew)

- covenant love
- true-hearted loyalty to the king

2. Thou shall love the Lord

Mark 12:30

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Thou shall love the Lord with thy

- heart

Luke 12:34

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Thou shall love the Lord with thy

- soul:

That something that distinguishes you as a human being – personality, will, emotions.

Thou shall love the Lord with thy

- mind

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Thou shall love the Lord with thy

- strength

Our ability – talents, gifts, possessions, accomplishments.

3. Thou shall love thy neighbour

Mark 12:30

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4. Love speaks to our motives

Why are we doing what we do?

5. Love opens up relationship

- with Father God

John 14:23

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

- with people

b: One commission – vision

1. God's love is directional

II Corinthians 5:14a AMP

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us...

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.