

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Week 3 - THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Daily I **WILL** give my devotion to God The Father.

- *Mark 12:30*
- *Love God in devotional times of worship, praise, and prayer*
- *God the Father, our first love.*

Many things in life fight for our attention. Inevitably, whatever we give our attention to also earns our affections. God the Father desires our whole-hearted devotion. What good and loving Father wouldn't yearn for the affections of His children? The answer is none.

There are many ways we can grow in our devotion to our Heavenly Father. Some include spending devotional times in prayer, reading the Word, and praise and worship. Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest thing that You would require of us?", and He answered with Mark 12:30 saying, "that you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and with all of your strength."

The greatest thing we can do as children of God is to crown Him as the first love of our life. It's only when we truly learn how to love God first, that real love begins to flow from our hearts into every area of our lives. Let's decide to stop getting distracted by many things and instead become devoted to one thing, the greatest thing, which is "loving the Lord our God."

Supporting Statements:

- Our devotional times with God are to be personal and intimate.
- We ought to aim to love God wholeheartedly, not halfheartedly.
- God doesn't want to compete with other things for your attention.
- My emotions are a gift from God. I can use them in a positive way to pour my love out to Him.
- Devotion to God is a delight, not a chore.

Read these passages:

Mark 12:28-30, Psalm 103:1-5

Answer the following questions in discussion form:

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of God?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about me?



Weekly Challenge:

This week, we will designate 30 minutes to give God our devotion either through prayer, Bible reading, or praise and worship.