

You Cannot Earn God

Happy Wednesday!

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:5-9 ESV

Modern advice will tell you that you should follow your heart, practice mindfulness, and exercise regularly. God addressed these issues first, and He did it better. Don't follow your heart - your heart is deceptive above all else (Jeremiah 17:9), rather love God with all your heart. Don't merely love God with the part of your heart that's easy, but love God in the tough times: love Him in doubt, in fear, in questions, in sleeplessness, in whatever else - with ALL of your heart.

God instructs us then to love Him with all of our minds (not just the parts that make sense, but with the parts that are distracted - bring them back to God; with the parts that are alone - bring them to God's presence... and God instructs us to love Him with all of our strength. Don't do things to earn God - you can't! Serve God with your strength, with your abilities, with your understanding, with your heart and mind. His strength is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9) - so love God with all of your weakness, too.

What about you? Do you love God in all facets of your life and with *the completion commanded here*? Do you talk about God's goodness all the time? With your family, with your friends, as you go out and as you come in, writing the truth of God on your heart, soul, and mind; on the doorposts and doors of your heart and home so that everyone will hear the goodness of God?

I guarantee you, when you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, you'll have so little left to think about that the cares of this world will be drowned out by God's presence. Your relationships with others will change when your relationship with God is made right through Jesus.

Lord, You have instructed us to love you, Lord and God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might. Help us obey Your Word by strengthening us and opening our eyes to be fully obedient to you. I pray that these words You command will be on our hearts. Help each of us to teach them diligently to your children and others in our life. Help us have opportunity and boldness of faith to talk of You when we sit in our house, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. Show us how to write Your Word on the doorposts of our house and on our gates, that we may obey You and honor You and love You as You have commanded. In Jesus' Name, let it be so, yes and amen.

Worship:

“Love The Lord” by Lincoln Brewster <https://youtu.be/EABeFfsqLdc?si=ttlo17vLfvR2aS1a>
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“You Are Holy” by Jesus Image <https://youtu.be/AiFrcxolk3Y?si=vTLdz7uxmfyOXVEa>
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