



The Great Commandment

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³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

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³⁷ 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. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Known as the “Shema”

Emphasis is on God’s exclusive claim on our lives.

Loving God Fully



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We are called to love God with our whole being.

Loving Others as I Want to be Loved



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God is concerned about relationship!

Vertical: Us and God

Horizontal: Us & Others

So What Does God Desire?

**In every area of my life
I will love God fully
and love others as I want to be loved.**

Challenge for This Week

- ▶ Identify one area in your life where you need to work on loving God.
 - Surrender that area to God
 - Remember God's presence with you.
- ▶ Choose one person and begin to strategically love them this week.
(Conspiracy of Kindness)