



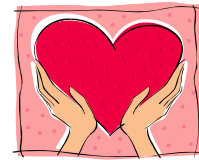
God Wants Your Love



We human beings are the only ones, of all God's creations, that He created in His own image, (Gen. 1:27), because He wants our love. We are the only ones who can respond to His love and return it.

He gave commandments in His Word, the Bible, that we are to love Him, as our Lord and our God, with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, and with all of our strength. Jesus called this the most important commandment for us to obey. (Mark 12:30)

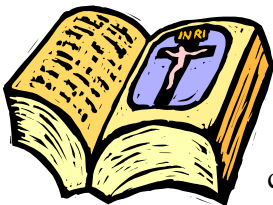
We disobey this commandment and leave God out of His rightful place in our heart when we spend more time looking for the pleasures of this world, and satisfying our flesh, than we do in talking to Him in prayer and reading His words daily in our Bible.



The Bible is God's love letter to us. We should read it as eagerly as we would read a letter from a lover, for God loves us more dearly and more tenderly than any other lover ever could, and He wants us to love Him the same way.

We leave God out of His rightful place in our soul when we try to heal our problems without Him. Hurtful words that were said; feelings of loneliness; fears and anxieties; abusive relationships; and the effects of every traumatic and painful experience with all the feelings of anger, guilt and regret.

We can't be healed without Him. Millions of self-help books have been written to help people handle their emotional problems and broken relationships, but there is only one book in the whole world that has the power in its words to actually heal, mend, and make whole every wound, every hurt, no matter how deep, when we replace their memory with the promises of God's unconditional love and promises for our good, not just in this life, but forever with Him. He knows everything about your soul and desires to comfort you and strengthen you and replace your pain with joy and peace.



We leave God outside of His rightful place in our mind when we think and talk the way the world thinks and talks. The world's way of thinking is filled with stress and anxiety about money and how to get everything done we're supposed to do. This kind of thinking causes hostilities, judging others and resentments that break up relationships.

Anxiety and stress in our thinking is the opposite of faith in God. Faith is to trust Him and believe He will guide us every minute by His Holy Spirit, and then yielding our minds to the Holy Spirit's leading from within. Fear steals our peace of mind, but faith

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removes anxiety so that the peace of God that passes all understanding can keep your mind in quietness and confidence – no matter what!

We leave God outside of His rightful place in our strength when we give away our power through fear and unbelief. All strength is from God and comes from within us. It cannot be taken from us, because in our weakness, He becomes strong in us. *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in your weakness.”* (2 Cor. 12:9)

We become strong by studying and memorizing His Word, and obeying His commandments. Commandments in the Bible are prescriptions for our health and well being. He didn't give them to test us, He gave them to us because He knows if we will use them, we can overcome anything in this world that comes against us.



Compared to God's compassionate, self-sacrificing love, our sometimes pitiful efforts at loving Him as we should can seem very small. He wants our love.

He paid a high price to get it. He gave us everything He has for it, even the right to enter into His Holy presence any time of the day or night by prayer, so we will never feel abandoned or alone.

By His love He gave us forgiveness for our sins, the greatest expression of love there is; He gave us power over every painful circumstance of life so that we can never be defeated or overwhelmed; He gave us a constant guide and companion by sharing His own Holy Spirit within us to reveal His will in every situation; and He saved us from hell and gave us the gift of eternal life with Him in heaven by giving us the ultimate gift of His love, His own dearly beloved Son, Jesus to be our Saviour.



In return for all of this, He asks only that we would love Him more than anything or anyone in this world, and that we would spend time with Him in praise and fellowship in His Word. Time when we focus our heart, soul, mind, and strength on Him and Him only.

That doesn't seem like too much to ask, but some days we can't even find 10 minutes to pray or read our Bible. We feel too tired when we wake up in the morning to even get up and go in the other room to spend time with Him. But, to our shame, we know if it was our lover waiting for us in there we would not be too tired to get up and go to him.

In our shame, our hearts should cry out the words that David did when he had turned away from God: *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me! Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me! Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your Holy Spirit!”* (Psalm 51:10)



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God wants your love. He will meet with you there. Any moment if you will stop and go into your inner being, you can meet with Him there.



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4. What is the only book that has the power in it to heal?

5. How do we leave God out of our mind?

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7. How does the Holy Spirit lead us?

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9. When does God become strong in us? (2 Cor. 12:9)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

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By trying to heal our problems without Him.

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