

Loving God

The greatest commandment is to love the Lord God with all your heart.

Love without works is empty love

Matthew 22:34-40 KJV

[34] But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. [35] Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, [36] Master, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Do I really love God or do I just say it?

- Needing God is not loving God
- Fearing God does not equal loving God
- Serving God can happen without loving God
- Giving offers to God to buy his love
- Do I share God with others for attention?

Why don't people love God?

- They don't know him, they see him as far off and distant, not a part of their daily life
- They are afraid of him
- It makes them uncomfortable
- It demands a change of lifestyle
- It inhibits our sinful conduct
- It makes them uncertain about their future
- They are angry with God

Why do we love God?

He is our creator
He revealed himself through Jesus
His atoning death at the cross
His commitment to us
He supplies all our needs
He forgives our sins
He provides us with spiritual gifts
He fills us with the Holy Spirit
He prepares us a place in Heaven
He will resurrect and transform our body

Obey, serve, share, trust, fellowship, worship, give,
defend, meditate, and suffer