

Strengthen the Core in '24

Part III

1. Love God

“One of them, a lawyer [an expert in Mosaic Law], asked Jesus a question, to test Him: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

And Jesus replied to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others].’ The whole Law and the [writings of the] Prophets depend on these two commandments.””

Matthew 22:35-40 AMP

2. Love Others

“So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you’re My true followers.”

John 13:34-35 TPT

-We love with God’s love

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

I John 4:7-8 NKJV

-passionate

-it never quits

-it’s expressed in deeds, not just words

-it’s the core motivator

-it isn’t jealous of other’s blessings

-it isn’t touchy and easily offended

3. Hate Sin

-I'm not tempted to indulge in things I hate, like cold water, spicy food. It's easy to stay far away from what you hate.

-Every single has a reward built into it. If we love that reward more than we love God, even the consequences won't stop us.

“Love is to be sincere and active [the real thing—without guile and hypocrisy]. Hate what is evil [detest all ungodliness, do not tolerate wickedness]; hold on tightly to what is good.”

Romans 12:9 AMP

“All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech.”

Proverbs 8:13 NLT

“Listen, you lovers of God! Hate evil, for God can keep you from wrong and protect you from the power of wickedness.”

Psalms 97:10 TPT

God’s love is free gift

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!.....

I John 3:1 NKJV

The more I experience God’s love and fellowship, the more I love what He loves and hate what He hates.