

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30 (NIV)

To love God is a simple process. It involves four things:

1. Your _____. (the center of a person's thoughts and emotions).

For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also. **Matthew 6:21 NIV**

Above all else, guard your **heart** for everything you do flows out of it. **Proverbs 4:23**

2. Your _____. (emotional or intellectual energy)

My **soul** yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my **heart and my flesh** cry out for the living God.

Psalms 84:2 NIV

3. Your _____ (the element to think, and to feel; the faculty of consciousness and thought).

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude **of mind** toward each other that **Christ** Jesus had... **Romans 15:5 NIV**

4. Your _____ (The degree of intensity of a feeling or belief).

I have **strength** for all things in Christ Who empowers me. (I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses **inner strength** into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency). **Philippians 4:13 (AMP)**

Definition of Love:

Love is a complex set of emotions, behaviors, and beliefs associated with strong feelings of affection, protectiveness, warmth, and respect for another person.

Agape is the highest form of love. It is the love of _____ for man and of _____ for God.

Parable of the Good Samaritan

30 Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. **31** "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. **32** A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. **33** "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. **34** Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. **35** The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' **36** "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. **37** The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same." (God's Word Luke 10:30-37)

Three main STEPS to Love God:

#1. Love God by being _____ and _____ to Him in purposeful, thoughtful conversation and prayer. You should have daily time alone with God, regardless of how short the time.

#2. Love God by being _____ and _____ to Him through the avenue of His Word.

#3. Love God by being _____. When you lay down at night, and reflect on your day you get an opportunity to determine if your thoughts, actions represented God and His love for you and for others.

Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. (2 Timothy 2:7 NIV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think** about such things. (Philippians 4:8 NIV)