

March 3, 2024
Do you know what you were created for?
Mark 12:28-34

I. Introduction/Background

You were created to have a _____ with _____
and _____.

II. The greatest commandment: "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

Heart

Mind

Soul

Strength

III. The second commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself".

IV. Where do we get the motivation to love others?

V. The Blessing (Numbers 6:22-27)

VI. Resource: Adam Clarke's Commentary.

1. He loves God with all his heart who loves nothing in comparison of Him and nothing but in reference of him, who is ready to give up, do, or suffer anything in order to please and glorify Him.
2. He loves God with all his soul, or rather, with all his life, who is ready to give up life for his sake - to endure all sorts of torments, and to be deprived of all kinds of comforts, rather than dishonor God - who employs life with all its comforts and conveniences to glorify God in, by, and through all.
3. He loves God with all his strength who exerts all the powers of his body and soul in the service of God; who, for the glory of his Maker, spares neither labor nor cost; who sacrifices his time, body, health, ease, for the honor of God, his divine Master; who employs in His service all his goods, his talents, his power, credit, authority and influence.
4. He loves God with all his mind (intellect) who applies himself only to know God and His holy will; who receives with submission, gratitude, and pleasure the sacred truths which God has revealed to man.