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Love God

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Please take a moment and think of all the great and wonderful things that you would like to do for God. Perhaps you'd like to develop a ministry that helped relieve hunger among impoverished people in your community. Maybe you'd like to join a ministry that rescued young women from the sex trade industry. Perhaps you'd like to quit your job in order to spend more time in prayer and Bible study. Perchance you'd like to devote a couple evenings a week tutoring prisoners at your local jail. Meals for Moms, cleaning for seniors, yard work, dishing meals at a soup kitchen; all of these services are important ministries. What do you think is the most important thing that a person could do for God? According to the both the Old and New Testaments the most important thing that a person can do for God is not feeding the hungry, or rescuing the oppressed; our first priority is to...love God. If we love God above any other person or interest then we will be ready to minister effectively in His Name. If we pursue loving God first and foremost, then we will be ready to serve, minister, teach, preach, make disciples, love our spouses and raise our families to the glory of God. Loving God with all of our heart, soul and mind is the greatest commandment and our greatest priority.

Please read Isaiah Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

Dearest Father,

You are my God; the God of _____ (*insert you name*). Your Word tells me to listen carefully to You because You are the One and Only true God. Help me to love You with all of my heart, with all of my soul and with all of my mind. Sometimes, God, my heart is divided between the cares of this world and the things of heaven; please give me an undivided heart. My

soul is often bound up with old wounds, hurts and sins; help me to seek healing and forgiveness that I may truly seek you with my soul. My mind has often embraced the wisdom of the world and pursues vain imaginations; please help me replace lies with truth that I may seek you with all my mind. I often waste energy storing up treasures on earth; please show me what has truth worth that I may seek You with all my strength. Please help me to realize that You must be my greatest priority. Where I fall short of that ideal help me to seek You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.

My second greatest priority is to teach my children, (biological, adopted or spiritual) about Your Word and Your ways. Help me to do that when we are talking, laughing, playing or working. Every situation we share together is an opportunity to teach my children about You.

Help me to seek You and the wisdom of Your Word every day of my life not just on Sunday. Help me to make Your Word the basis of every decision I make, every action I take, every word I speak and every influence I allow to affect my heart, soul and mind.

In Jesus Holy Name,

Amen

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