

GIVE A LOVE FOR GOD **(Mark 12:28-30)**

I. What is involved.

- A. Jesus was asked on one occasion what the greatest commandment was.
- B. Listen to His answer (Mark 12:28-30).
 - 1. There is one God.
 - 2. And we are to use all that makes up us to love Him.
- C. Loving God involves every facet of what makes us, us.
 - 1. Every part of my being is involved in loving God.
 - 2. No part of us can love something more than God.
- D. Physically I am to do nothing to my body that hinders me from serving God.
 - 1. We can't do things that continually harm our bodies or causes us to use our bodies in ways that hinder love for God.
 - 2. The things we do to and for our bodies are to be those things that help maintain it for work in the kingdom.
- E. Emotionally, nothing is to be placed before God.
 - 1. We can't love our spouse, parents, children or anything more than God.
 - 2. He demands first place (Matthew 10:37).
- F. Socially, I must place God before all people.
 - 1. My involvement in things of the world comes after my love for God.
 - 2. Nothing can hinder me from putting God first.
- G. Spiritually, God is on the throne of our hearts.
 - 1. If any of the other three things are missing, then this will lack as well.
 - 2. God is the number one priority.
- H. Loving God involves everything I have.

II. What is included.

- A. How do people close to me know that I love God?
- B. We use these four words, social, emotional, physical and spiritual, but what all does that include?
- C. Love for God means that I am going to keep His word (1 John 2:5).
 - 1. If we love God, we love His word.
 - 2. Acts 20:32.
 - 3. God and His word go hand in hand.
 - a. I wouldn't know God without His word.
 - b. I have to love God to want to know His word.
 - 4. We are going to say with the Psalmist that the word of God is our lamp and our light (119:105).
 - 5. John, later in the same epistle sums it up this way (1 John 5:3).
- D. Love for God means loving the church His Son purchased.
 - 1. God sent His Son to purchase the church (Acts 20:28).
 - 2. The church must mean a great deal to God for Him to carry out a plan that involved the death of His Son in order for it to be

