<sup>28</sup>One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" <sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Mark 12:28-34 (NIV)



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.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." 32"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

Mark 12:28-34 (NIV)

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To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. Mark 12:28-34 (NIV)

It's not how close to the line you can get before you start sinning, it's how close to Jesus can you get.



# God's greatest command for us is that we love Him holistically and completely.



# THE GREATEST COMMAND



## Love God From The Inside

Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...

Mark 12:30



# Love God With Your Heart

Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...- Mark 12:30



## Love God With Your Heart

Loving God with our <u>Heart</u> and <u>Soul</u> consists of loving God with our will and emotions.



# Love God With Your Mind

- "Love the Lord your God...with all your mind..."
- Mark 12:30b



O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed

- Carl Gustav Boberg First Verse of "How Great Thou Art"



# Love God From The Outside

"Love the Lord your God...with all your strength."

Mark 12:30c



## Love God From The Outside

Outward religious activity is dead if not birthed through an internal Biblical motivation.



#### Love God From The Outside

Loving God purely internally without having a physical expression is an unbiblical and incomplete expression of love.



# Love God With Your Strength

**Strength**: Loving God with our <u>Physical</u> Resources & <u>Physical Qualities</u>



We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 (TNIV)

