

Mark 12:28-34

The Most Important Things in Life...

## **I. Loving God v28-30**

Ex 20:5 *I the Lord your God am a jealous God*

Deut 4:24 *For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.*

### **1. We Must Love Him More than our Relationships**

Luke 9:59-62 *To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

Matt 10:37 *Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me*

### **2. We Must Love Him More than our Riches**

1 Tim 6:9-10 *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

Matt 6:24 *No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

Mark 10:25 *It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.*

### **3. We Must Love Him More than our Religion**

Rev 3:15-17 *I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked*

## **II. Loving Others v31**

Luke 10:30-37

Deut 15:11 *'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'*

Ps 41:1 *Blessed is the one who considers the poor!*

Matt 28:19-20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

Mark 16:15 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*

Luke 24:46-47 *Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

John 20:21 *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you*

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

## **III. Pressing In v32-34**

1 Cor 9:24 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it*

Matt 24:13 *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

Luke 13:24 *Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.*