

"Loving GOD – The First Commandment"

God has everything. But He is searching for something that He still wants. What is He searching for? What does He want most? What drives Him?

It is _____. He is after a loving _____ with us, because HE IS LOVE (**1 John 4:8**)

Matthew 22:35-40, (Deut. 6:4-5, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27)

Loving God:

1. Is the first _____.
2. Therefore should be our first _____; the most _____ thing in our life; The Great _____ of Life.
3. Is our greatest _____. **David – 1 Sam. 16:7, Acts 13:22**
4. Is still strictly _____. It is a choice, but the best choice. **Luke 10:28**
5. Is the first reason you were _____; to be part of His _____; to experience a loving relationship with Him.
6. Is based upon our _____ to Him. **John 14:15, 21, 23-24**

Anyone you love, you want to:

- fulfill their _____
- meet their _____
- put them _____ of yourself
- _____ them
- _____ your affection, as opposed to hurting them.

7. Takes cultivation and _____ (like any relationship).
8. Grows within us as we:
 - devour His Word to learn how he _____
 - spend _____ with Him in prayer
 - _____ Him we love Him.
 - tell _____ about Him
 - spend time _____ that love Him
 - _____ Him through difficult times
 - _____ those He cares about the most.
 - _____ for it.
9. Is _____ empowered . **Romans 5:5**
(it _____ to love God)

