

Loving God

Mark 12:28-34

Three Questions...

1.) *What stirs your affections for God?*

He loved us first..

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

Worship

(Psa 100:2 NIV) Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Prayer

(Psa 69:13 NIV) But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

Studying His Word

(Psa 119:16 NIV) I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Fellowship

(Heb 10:25 NIV) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Marveling at His Works

(Psa 139:14 NIV) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Three Questions...

- 1.) *What stirs your affections for God?*
- 2.) *What robs you of your affections for God?*

Loving anything more than God

(Mat 10:37 NIV) "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

The World

(1 John 2:15 NIV) Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Idols

(Jonah 2:8 NIV) "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs."

Bad Company

(1 Cor 15:33 NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Three Questions...

- 1.) *What stirs your affections for God?*
- 2.) *What robs you of your affections for God?*
- 3.) *How are you doing in obedience?*

Love = Obedience

(John 14:15 NIV) "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Being an Overcomer

(1 John 5:2-5 NIV) This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Conclusion