

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

We need each other

*(Eccl 4:9 NIV) Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their
work*

Mark 12:28-34

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?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:32-33

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 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."

Mark 12:34

When 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.

Point 1

God cares about our relationships.

Love covers sins

(1 Pet 4:8 NIV) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Bear with one another

(Col 3:12-14 NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Be reconciled with each other

(Mat 5:23-24 NIV) "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Live at peace

(Heb 12:14 NIV) Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Point 2

The closest and most tender relationship into which humans can come is marriage.

Husbands love your wives

*(Col 3:19 NIV) Husbands, love your wives
and do not be harsh with them.*

Treat them with respect

(1 Pet 3:7 NIV) Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Wives submit to your husbands

(Col 3:18 NIV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Wives win over your husbands

(1 Pet 3:1-2 NIV) Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

Point 3

**God cares about your relationship with
your children.**

Children are a reward

(Psa 127:3 NIV) Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.

Fathers to their children

(Mal 4:5-6 NIV) "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Be Encouragers

(Col 3:21 NIV) Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Point 4

God wants a relationship with you.

Seek God

(1 Chr 28:9 NIV) "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever."

Seek God

(Jer 29:13 NIV) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

God wants everyone

(2 Pet 3:9 NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Come near to Him

(James 4:8 NIV) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

CONCLUSION