

How to Know, Love and Honor God

Our Top Priority

Matthew 22:37 "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

1. Know, love and honor Jesus.

2. Enter a covenant relationship with God.

3. Thank and worship Him.

1 Peter 1 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

⁷ that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

4. Remove rival loves.

1 John 2 ¹⁵ Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

James 4 ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5. Read and study His love letters.

Deuteronomy 6 ⁵ "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶ "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

6. Memorize, meditate on and live by His love letters.

1 John 5 ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

2 John 1 ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.

John 15 ⁹ "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

7. Converse with Him all day.

Romans 8 ⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*;

⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

...¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

8. Invest in Him.

Matthew 6 ¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

9. Love His family.

1 John 4 ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

...²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar;...

10. Talk about Him with others.

1 Peter 2 ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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