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**Mark 12:30-31**

32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 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 12:32-33**

— THE GOSPEL *of* MARK —

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.

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40 All the Law and the Prophets  
hang on these two  
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**Matthew 22:40**

**Love** defines what it means  
to **live lawfully**

**The Law** defines what it  
means to **live lovingly**

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9 "As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you. Now remain  
in my love. 10 If you keep my  
commands, you will remain in my  
love, just as I have kept my  
Father's commands and remain  
in his love. 11 I have told you this  
so that my joy may be in you and  
that your joy may be complete.

**John 15:9-11**

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- for us to understand the 'why' and the 'what'
- that I love God
- that I love others out of God's love

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

**1 John 3:16-17**

Love one another. Serve one another. Accept one another. Strengthen one another. Help one another. Encourage one another. Care for one another. Forgive one another. Submit to one another. Commit to one another. Build trust with one another. Be devoted to one another. Be patient with one another. Be interested in one another. Be accountable to one another.

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Do not pass judgment on one another. Do not slander one another. Instruct one another. Greet one another. Admonish one another. Spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Meet with one another. Agree with one another. Be concerned for one another. Be humbled to one another in love. Be compassionate to one another. Do not anger one another.

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Confess to one another. Live in harmony with one another. Do not lie to one another. Do not grumble to one another. Give preference to one another. Be at peace with one another. Be of the same mind to one another. Comfort one another. Be kind to one another. Live in peace with one another. Carry one another's burdens.

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