

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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A great \_\_\_\_\_ to the Great \_\_\_\_\_ and  
the Great \_\_\_\_\_ makes a great \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

1. The duty of all Christ followers is to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him,*

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."* MATTHEW

22:36-38

• First in \_\_\_\_\_

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*"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."* REVELATION 2:4

*We love because he first loved us.* 1 JOHN 4:19, 4:10

2. The demands of loving God are \_\_\_\_\_.

• "heart" = \_\_\_\_\_

• "soul" = \_\_\_\_\_

• "mind" = \_\_\_\_\_

3. The test of loving God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."* JOHN 14:23

*"Only he who believes is obedient; only he who is obedient believes."* DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

4. The reward of loving God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."* JOHN 14:23

*"But we will only be weak and stumbling believers and a crippled church unless and until we truly apply God's word – that is, until we truly love Him and act on that love."* CHUCK COLSON, *LOVING GOD*