



Living & Loving On Purpose – Part 1

Mark 12:28-33 | Mark Foreman | December 28, 2025

✦ Our Plan: To Fully Live by Loving On Purpose

- The interesting context of this teaching
- *Love the Lord your God with all – Our* God is to be loved thoroughly with complete devotion, defined by the repeated “all”. All of you for all of God.

✦ Loving God with Four Parts of You

- This is not an exhaustive Hebrew anthropology but a statement on the thoroughness of true love. Jesus, quoting Moses, lists four areas to love God in.
 - The entirety of your heart – *the core self, the spirit, the will* (both direction & intensity of wanting).
 - The entirety of your soul – *your collective self or whole being: your life*.
 - The entirety of your mind – *reason, imagination, attitude and emotion*.
 - The entirety of your strength – *the body*.
- This is not only a requirement (command) but our life’s purpose.

✦ Five Tangible Ways to Love God

1. Worship redirects and re-intensifies our hearts (Romans 12:1)
2. Prayer (Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1; Acts 2:42; James 5:16)
3. Word and Obey
4. Loving, giving to and serving others as yourself or as He has loved us (next week).
The Bible knows nothing of a hermit’s solitary Christianity except for a short season.
Join and be with His family.
5. Tell others your story and the Good News (1 Peter 3:15)

✦ Decide to Be New

- You are new on paper (forgiveness, justification). Become the new person you were forgiven to be.
- What changes do you plan on making in your life to tangibly love God?
- Which practice draws your attention the most: worship, prayer and Word?
- Carve out time for worship, prayer and the Word. When and where and how. If you don’t it won’t happen. And do it for three months until it is a habit.
- Pray asking God to help.