

Sermon Message for August 18/19, 2018
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THE REAL JESUS! His Most Important Directive
Mark 12:28-34 (p. 864)

GOD'S TOP PRIORITY FOR US: _____

We're to ...

1. _____ of His love. (12:29; Gen. 17:7; Heb. 12:24)

OUR CHALLENGE

Don't ever put your _____ above His _____. (Rom. 5:20)

2. _____ to His love. (12:30)

OUR CHALLENGE

Don't answer God's _____ love in a
_____ manner.

3. _____ of His love. (12:31; 1 John 4:20)

THE PRINCIPLE

A genuine love for _____ always prompts love for _____.

4. _____ His love. (12:32-34)

GOD'S APPRAISAL

_____ or _____.

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God's Top Priority For Us: **LOVE**

We're to ...

1. **Drink deeply** of His love. (12:29; Gen. 17:7; Heb. 12:24)

"I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you."
Genesis 17:7

"...the mediator of a new covenant;"
Hebrews 12:24

OUR CHALLENGE

Don't ever put your **bad** above His **mercy**. (Rom. 5:20)

"...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more;"
Romans 5:20

"I have given God countless reasons not to love me. None of them has been strong enough to persuade Him to change."
Paul Washer-adapted

2. **Respond fully** to His love. (12:30)

OUR CHALLENGE

Don't answer God's **whole-hearted** love in a **half-hearted** manner.

3. **Share willingly** of His love. (12:31; 1 John 4:20)

"If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." 1 John 4:20

THE PRINCIPLE

A genuine love for **God** always prompts love for **others**.

"In this life we cannot always do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

Mother Teresa

4. **Experience personally** His love. (12:32-34)

GOD'S APPRAISAL

Warmer or **colder**.