

“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

Part One: “Loving God More”

Matthew 22:34-38 (NKJV)

Matthew 22:34-38 ³⁴“When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, saying, ³⁶‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’ ³⁷Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and great commandment.’” (NKJV)

1. Love God With _____ Of Your _____

The Biblical definition of “heart” is “the center of all physical and spiritual life.

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.” (NKJV)

1. Why is the heart described this way?

Proverbs 4:23 “Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it spring the issues of life.” (NKJV)

2. How can we “guard” our hearts?

Psalm 37:4 “Delight yourself also in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” (NKJV)

3. When can you know your desires are the same as the Lord’s desires?

2. Love God With _____ Of Your _____

The Biblical definition of “soul” is “the seat of feelings, desires and affections.”

Psalm 143:3 “The enemy has persecuted my soul.” (NKJV)

4. What are some of the ways that our soul can be under attack?

Psalm 34:1,2 ¹“I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul shall make its boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear of it and be glad.” (NKJV)

5. How can our soul boast in the Lord?

3. Love God With _____ Of Your _____

The Biblical definition of “mind” is “understanding, imagination and thoughts.”

Ephesians 4:23,24 ²³“Let the Spirit change your way of thinking ²⁴and make you into a new person.” (CEV)

6. What are some ways that our thinking needs to change?

Romans 12:1,2 ¹“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (NKJV)

7. How does our mind affect the way we understand the will of God?

