

Essentials
How To Really Love God

Mark 12:30 *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

1. Figure out what you believe _____

1 John 4:19 *We love because he first loved us.*

Truth: God _____

Ephesians 3:18-19 *And may you have the power to understand... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

Romans 5:8 *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

2. Look for _____

1 John 4:16 *God is love.*

3. Change the way you _____

Truth: _____ you cannot experience love
Exodus 15:13 *In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed.*

a) Tell God _____

James 4:2 *You do not have because you do not ask God.*

b) _____ show you His love

1 Timothy 5:5 *The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.*

Key: Every delay _____: God knows what He's doing

4. Build a _____

Ephesians 3:16-17 *I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.*

30 Day Loving God Challenge

"Come now, _____, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool." Isaiah 1:18

"For I know the plans I have for _____," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

For I, _____ (am) God's masterpiece. He has created (me) anew in Christ Jesus, so (I) can do the good things he planned for (me) long ago. Ephesians 2:10

Can anything separate (me) from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves (me), _____, if (I) have trouble or calamity, or (am) persecuted, or hungry or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is (mine) through Christ, who loved (me). Romans 8:35,37

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to _____ (a saint who is) faithful in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 1:1-2

(I), _____, give all (my) worries and cares to God, for he cares about (me). 1 Peter 5:7

For God loved _____ so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that (if I believe) in him, (I) will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge _____, but to save (me) through him. John 3:16-17

Mark the ones you struggle to believe are true for you.

For the next 30 days, read this out loud to yourself.

God's love has no strings attached.

When I need direction: Ask for His guiding love

When I need to feel secure: Ask for His protecting love

When I need emotional help: Ask for His comforting love

When I need help financially: Ask for His providing love

When I need help moving past something: Ask for His healing love

When I need help with temptation: Ask for His purifying love

When I need help with my fear: Ask for His reassuring love

When I need wisdom: Ask for His instructing love