

# The Greatest Commandment #1

Deut. 6:4-9, Mark 12:28-30

## Three ways of expressing love to God: (vv. 4-5)

- With all of your heart. “emotions” (Prov. 4:23, Matt. 5:8, 27-28, 18:28-35, 15:16-20) Why can’t you trust your heart? (Jer. 17:9) Jesus desires to live in our hearts (Eph. 3:16-17)
- With all of your soul. “thoughts” 1. A man is as his thoughts. (Prov. 23:7) 2. A man has control over his thoughts. (2 Cor. 10:5, Phil. 4:8) 3. God helps him in the exercise of that control. (Rom 12:2) Holy Spirit wants to transform our minds.
- With all of your might. “actions” Our emotions guide our thinking, and our thinking determines our actions. By the time you have chosen to do something, it has passed through two gates, your emotion gate, and your thought gate. (James 3:13-18)

## How am I to express my love to God?

- Wholeheartedly (v. 6)
- Educationally (v. 7a) “More is caught than taught”
- Constantly (v. 7b) Sit, walk, lie down, get up
- Intentionally (vv. 8-9) Tie, wear, write.

## Points to Ponder:

- God has given us all emotions, have we allowed God the control over all our emotions?
- God has given us all a mind to think with, have we allowed Him access to transform our mind?
- God has given us all the freedom to choose our actions, have we allowed Him control over our actions?