

*Taking Aim: The Three Greats*

## **Love God personally – NT Examples**

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**Matthew 22:34-40, 28:19-20**

**Love God.** Love People. Change the World.

*personally – family – church*

ἁμαρτία (hamartia) – to sin, to miss the mark or target

### **Matthew 22:37-38**

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.”

ὅλη (holae) - all, whole

ἀγαπᾶτε (agapeseis) – you shall be loving

### **New Testament Examples of Loving God Personally through “The Five Love Languages”**

- 1. Words of Affirmation:** Paul instructed the early Christians to love the Lord by singing to Him with hearts of thankfulness.  
(Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19-20)

**We can love God with our words when we love His Word. v.16a**

**We can love God with our voices when our hearts are full of gratitude. v.16b**

- 2. Quality Time:** The disciples learned from the Lord to love Him through intentional solitude.  
(Mark 6:30-32, 45-46)

**Love God with your undivided attention.  
Love God with your focused attention.**

- 3. Receiving Gifts:** The Macedonian Christians loved the Lord by giving themselves first to Him.  
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

**Always give yourself first to God.  
When you give yourself to God, then giving everything else to Him becomes second nature.**

- 4. Acts of Service:** Paul instructed the early Christians to love the Lord by serving Him with their whole hearts. (Ephesians 6:5-8, Colossians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31)

**Love God by obeying Him from your heart.  
Love God by serving Him with thankfulness.  
Love God by serving for His glory.**

- 5. Physical Touch:** Early Christians were instructed to love God by honoring Him with their bodies, and by drawing near to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, James 4:8, Matthew 9:20-22)

**Love God by honoring Him with your body.  
Love God by drawing near to Him through faith in Christ.**

**1 John 4:19**

**We love because He first loved us.**

**So what?**

**I will love God personally with all that I am and all that I have every day in every way.**

For further explanation of each of the love languages, you can visit [www.5lovelanguages.com](http://www.5lovelanguages.com) and click on the “Learn the Languages” tab. (Dr. Gary Chapman)