

**WHAT GOD EXPECTS**

Begin memorizing Matthew 22:37

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”***

*Deuteronomy 10:12 “ And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”*

As Christians we should always remember what God expects from us. In this lesson you should learn:

- A. We should fear God.
- B. We should love Him and obey Him.
- C. We should serve Him from our hearts.

Before we start, let’s **PRAY** and ask God’s Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive His Word and to show us how to apply it in our life. Do not copy scriptures, but answer the question briefly and in your own words.

**FEAR** does not mean to be afraid or frightened of God. To fear God means to respect Him, have reverence for His holiness, to be in awe of His majesty and glory.

1. What does God promise for those who fear Him?

Luke 1:50 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 10:35 \_\_\_\_\_

2. When God judges the whole earth, who will He have rewards for?

Revelation 11:18 \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.*

*Proverbs 9:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

3. What is produced by fearing the Lord?

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*Proverbs 15:16 – Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure with turmoil.*

**LOVE** – The Greek word **AGAPE**, translated **LOVE** (or **CHARITY** in some translations), means the self-less, giving love that comes from God. It is a sacrificing, caring love that seeks what is best for others and not itself. Read 1 John 4:7 – 1 John 5:5 to get a better idea about **AGAPE** love.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 defines **AGAPE**. Read it and substitute the name Jesus in the place of love (or charity) to see if He fits the definition. Then try it with your own name and see how it fits you!*

4. Why do we love God?

1 John 4:19 \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did Jesus say the most important commandment was?

Mark 12:29-30 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other commandment did He say was also important?

Mark 12:31 \_\_\_\_\_

7. If we are to love God, what else must we do?

1 john 4:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

8. What will we do if we truly love the Lord?

John 14:23 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 5:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

*To serve God involves putting faith into action. Our faith demonstrates itself through our good works. Read James 2:14-26.*

9. James said we should not just be hearers of God's Word. What else should we do?

James 1:22 \_\_\_\_\_

10. What does Jesus say about the man who hears His words and then puts them into action?

Matthew 7:24-27 \_\_\_\_\_

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11. When we do good works or deeds for others, who does Jesus say we are really serving?

Matthew 25:31-40 \_\_\_\_\_

12. What was God's purpose for creating us in Christ Jesus?

Ephesians 2:10 \_\_\_\_\_

13. If a Christian does lots of good works, but love (agape) is not the reason for doing them. What does the Bible say about that person?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

14. The Bible says we are to do good works. Are we saved by doing them?

Ephesians 2:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 3:5 \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 21:2-3 - Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice.*

*All works should be from inside your heart, not just an outward show for others to see. When your works are judged by the Lord, He does not see the **outward** appearance of the work, but the **inward** motive. The outward actions of going to church, witnessing, doing good works, etc., do not make you a Christian. Going to church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger! You are a Christian because Jesus has come **inside** your heart. Your outward actions show others what has happened **inside** your heart.*

15. When we serve God from a true heart, what will unbelievers do when they see our good works?

Matthew 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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