

What does it mean to
love the Lord with all your

heart,

soul,

mind,

and strength?

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**These are the greatest words ever written,
the greatest commandment ever given,
by the greatest One who ever lived**

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**The event that triggered this entire passage
was the cleansing of the Temple**

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**Jewish rabbis had
come up with 613 laws**

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These were divided into

248 affirmative and

365 negative laws

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Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

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This is what it means to be a

follower of Christ according to Christ

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“Which commandment is the most important of all?”

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”



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The Greek word Jesus uses here is “kardia”:

From which we get the English word cardiac

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“The affective center of our being, and the capacity of moral preference; the “desire-producer” that makes us tick; i.e. our “desire-decisions” that establish who we really are

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**This word “kardia” means the very core,
the very center, the very innermost part
of us that determines who we really are**

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**What do you spend the most time
worrying about or obsessing over?**

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Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

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Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

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Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

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**Is God truly the ultimate object
of your affections?**

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(The Seat of Your Emotions)

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Matthew 26:38

Then He said to them,

“My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.”

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What gives you a rush of joy?

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What drives your emotions?

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Westminster Catechism

“What is the chief end of man?

**The chief end of man is to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.”**

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**Do you think it brings joy to the Lord
when we get lost in our celebration of Him?**

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II Samuel 6:21-22

And David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will celebrate before the LORD. I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes.

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**Have you ever made a fool of
yourself celebrating God Almighty?**

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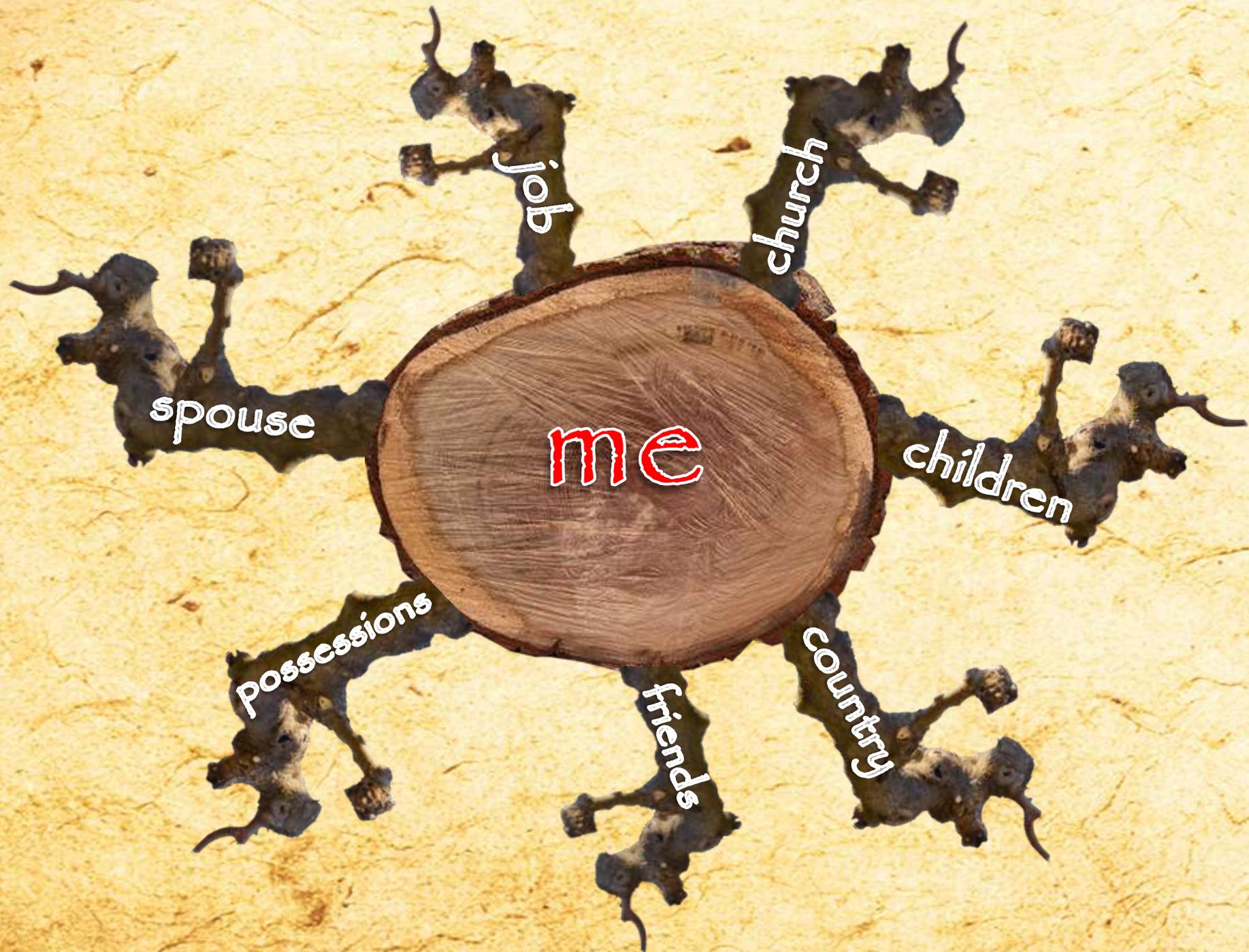
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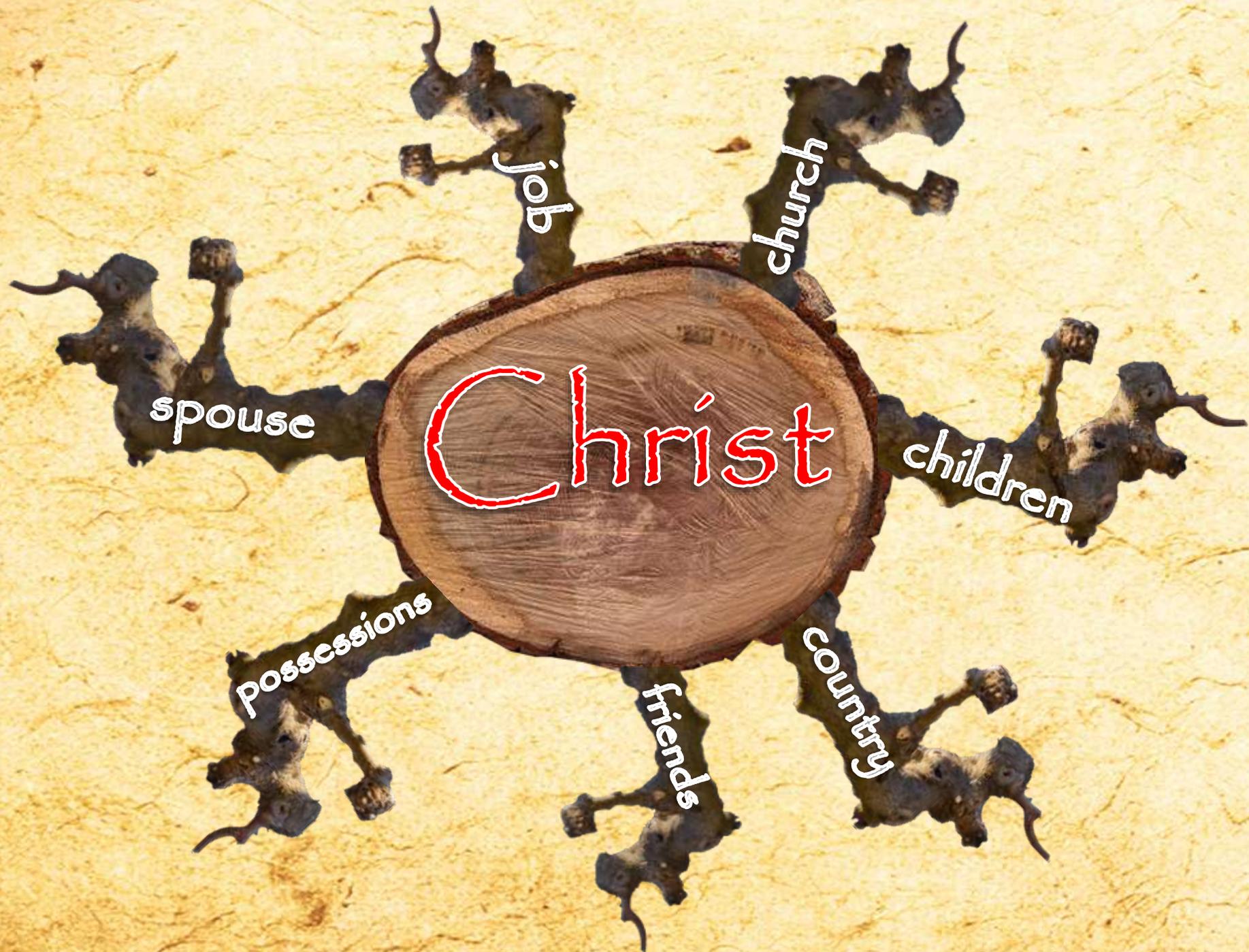
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Psalm 37:4

“Delight yourself in the Lord”





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friends

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spouse

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It is crucially important that we are

rooted and grounded in Christ

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Allow Christ to sit on

the throne of your emotions

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The Greek word Jesus uses here is “sunesis”

which means understanding, discernment & intellect

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What triggered King Josiah's passionate obedience to the Law of God? The reading of the Word of God.

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Four things that impact your mind:

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Four things that impact your mind:

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Four things that impact your mind:

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2) The movies you watch

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Four things that impact your mind:

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- 3) The music you listen to**

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Four things that impact your mind:

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- 2) The movies you watch**
- 3) The music you listen to**
- 4) The friends you hang around**

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Preachers I enjoy listening to:

R. C. Sproul

Dr. David Jeremiah

Paul Washer

John MacArthur

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**Allow Christ to sit on
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Listen to what they say

but watch what they do

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James 2:18-20

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

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IV. Love the Lord with all your strength

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**What do you spend the majority
of your strength or physical energy doing?**

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I Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.

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We ought to do everything

as unto the Lord

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“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'”

M. L. K. Jr.

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IV. Love the Lord with all your strength

(Your Physical Energy)

**Let everything you do be done
for the glory of Christ**

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**In 2020 how well did you do loving the Lord
with all your heart (core your being)?**

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**In 2020 how well did you do loving the Lord
with all your soul (emotions)?**

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**In 2020 how well did you do loving the Lord
with all your mind (intellect)?**

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**In 2020 how well did you do loving the Lord
with all your strength (physical energy)?**

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If there was one area you would like to see improvement the most in 2021 what would it be?

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