



# Dave's Final Thoughts

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<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:37-40** NLT

## 1. Love God with all you have

- **Guard your heart**
- **Regular connection with God**
- **Financial stewardship**

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. **Proverbs 4:23** NLT

The next morning Jesus woke up very early. He left the house while it was still dark and went to a place where he could be alone and pray. **Mark 1:35** NLT

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. **Matthew 6:24** NLT

## 2. Love others as yourself

- **Avoid gossip**
- **Prioritize kindness**
- **Sacrifice your way for others**

A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends. **Proverbs 16:28** NLT

<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

**Romans 12:1** NLT

## 3. Celebrate the goodness of God

<sup>5</sup> The living at least know they will die, but the dead know nothing. They have no further reward, nor are they remembered. <sup>6</sup> Whatever they did in their lifetime - loving, hating, envying - is all long gone. They no longer play a part in anything here on earth. <sup>7</sup> So go ahead. Eat your food with joy, and drink your wine with a happy heart, for God approves of this! <sup>8</sup> Wear fine clothes, with a splash of cologne! **Ecclesiastes 9:5-8** NLT

### Next Steps:

- Commit to increasing my love for God in my life by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commit to loving others in my life: \_\_\_\_\_
- Celebrate God's goodness in my life: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commit to attend the services in December with Rock Pifer
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