

# Fully Devoted to Christ

**Luke 10:27**

It might be argued that “love” is one of the most overused words in the English language. We apply the term to our favorite food or sports team, as well as to the most precious individuals in our lives. As a result, the impact—as well as the meaning—of the word can become a little vague. When someone says they love lasagna, we know they mean something different than when they say they love their spouse, child, or best friend. But how is their devotion most clearly defined? The obvious answer is, of course, their actions. Sincere, heartfelt, committed love is seen in how we live. That’s the kind of love Jesus had in mind when He gave us this passionate command in Luke 10:27.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.**

There’s no waffling in Christ’s words. No halfheartedness. No second guessing. Our love for Christ must be—and can be—the central, driving force in our lives. It can become the motive for every action, the heartbeat behind every intention. Imagine what our lives can be if we embody this kind of love for Christ. Nothing could stand in our way of becoming everything God desires for us to become.

This is a life-transforming promise for every person struggling to overcome the bondage of an addiction. In the end, the solution isn’t found in more information, more willpower, or even in more well-intentioned advice and support from loving friends and family—as vital as each of these things might be. No, the answer to our addiction is ultimately found in devoting ourselves fully to a loving, uncompromised relationship with Jesus Christ. In Him we find the power to overcome as well as the strength to persevere.

Are you facing the battle of your life in the form of a life-controlling habit? Cry out to God. Commit yourself to His perfect plan for you. Devote yourself to Him with the passion He deserves as your Creator and Savior. You can be free to experience life as you’ve never known it before, the kind of life only possible when we love the Lord with all our hearts.

**What does it mean to love the Lord with all your heart? How will someone’s life change when they love Him that intensely?**

**How would you describe your love for the Lord? In what areas of your life might your love for Him be more fully seen? What can you do to demonstrate your undivided love for God?**