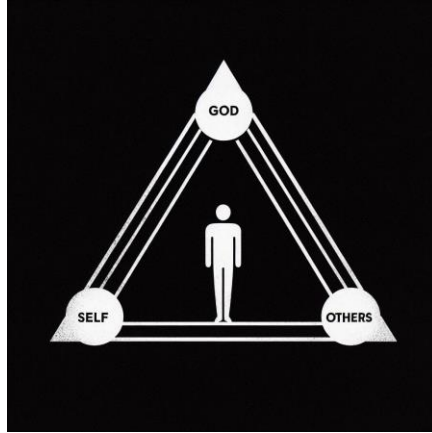


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Part 1 - Foundation: Your Relationship with God

Matthew 22:36-40

Main Idea: A strong, personal relationship with God is foundational for all other relationships we have.

Introduction

The Foundation of Relationships

Love the Lord your God

- Love comes from God (1 John 4:7, 19)
- Love is an active and living experience.
Eros, Storge, Phileo, Agape
- Love is the hallmark of a personal relationship.

With all your being

- Heart – seat of our affections and will (devotion) Matthew 6:21
- Soul – seat of our breath and life or consciousness. Genesis 2:7
- Mind – seat of thought, reasoning and understanding. Ro 12:2
- (Strength) – Mark 12:30

Our main duty – Love God and neighbor

- Maintain a personal relationship with God.
- Loving God and others involves:
 - Commitment and Loyalty
 - Trust and Respect
 - Giving and Surrendering oneself
 - Knowing and sharing

Conclusion:

Prioritizing your connection with God creates a solid spiritual base that influences every other relationship your life.