

Four Words to Live By in 2022 – Jan. 12, 2022

4 words: Passion. Plan. Purpose. Power.

Derived from Commandment. Some will cringe. Don't like "rules"

Think of them as Instructions... God's commands are for our best.

Don't prevent fun, give peace. Focus on what **to do...**

This is a positive; not a negative or "shall not."

Jews had accumulated laws – lots. 613 by 1 historian's count.

Debate: major/minor. Equal/distinction? Asked: most important.

Mark 12:29-31 - "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."** The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

** Notice – Jesus gives more than asked.

Jesus quotes From **Deut. 6:1-9** – pg 3

"Fear the Lord" means: to be in reverent; to Honor; be in awe.

God gave us instruction to live a great life. For our good.

Be constantly thinking/talking about this. More than 1 day.

Apply Gr Cmdt to live a life that has: Passion. Purpose. Plan. Power.

Make this greatest command your way of life.

Heart. – Live life from your heart is **Passion.** **The Heart is key.**

Prov. 4:23 - "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

How do you learn to live like this? Knowing God's heart. Love God back.

"We love because he first loved us." – **1 John 4:19**

Then our love looks like God's love. Our heart His heart.

Prov. 27:19 – "As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart."

Our lives reveal where our heart is. Gymnast - hours in a gym.

Where is time spent? What does your life say about your heart?

Loving God – living from the heart – that's **PASSION.**

Soul. – Spiritual part of a human being. Our spirit. It's eternal.

Eccl. 12:7 - *“the dust returns to the earth as it was, the spirit returns to God who gave it.”*

Parable of rich fool (Luke 12) – “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’”

Soul is **connected** to God. It's in our Soul that we **worship**.

“Behold, all souls are Mine” – **Ezek. 18:4**. God owns our soul.

God speaks to our souls. It's how we have communion with Him.

Our souls know truth. Knows there is a purpose for your life.

You were meant for greater **PURPOSE**.

Mind. – Loving God from our Minds . . . Must make a **Plan**.

Prov. 16:9 – “The mind of a person plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.”

You have to make a plan to bless someone else. Make a decision to do something for someone else, and let God direct you forward.

Strength. What does it mean to love God with all your strength?

Give God our bodies, power, energy.... **Willing to work** for Him.

We do those things we want to do.

Ever said: I'm too tired to ... It's really lack of mind.

“In our weakness, He is strong.” – **James 2:26**

The power of God raised Jesus. It's available to us.

Willing to give Him our strength? He's willing to give us His power.

Psm 68:35 – “The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.”

Be intentional – **“For you in 2022.”** Commit to the Great Commandment.

Make this verse real. Apply it. Live for God. **4 U in 22.**

How we live shows our hearts. Does He have yours?

Song of the week: **“Love the Lord”** – by Lincoln Brewster.

Stay positive. Test negative. Get vaccinated.

Deut. 6:1-9 – “These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey **so that it may go well with you** and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.** 6 These commandments that I give you today are **to be on your hearts.** 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Deut. 10:12-13 – “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God **with all your heart and with all your soul**, and to observe the Lord’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today **for your own good?**”