

## God's Passion: Becomes Our Passion to Love Him Back with Our Lives - Day 6



*The passion of God for us moves in us a desire to bring something for the Lord. Our salvation, we know, is purely a gift. But the gift was so incredible; we cannot help but want to try to offer him the best gift in return. With pure hearts, we lift up our lives as a thanksgiving offering, with the best intent to love Him with our all by seeking to give Him our very lives.*

*"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."  
Mark 12:30 NLT*

With all the love, goodness, and blessing the Lord pours out onto us, it is natural for us to want to give Him something in return. We can wonder what it means to love our Lord well. What a gift that He has taken care of everything we need, that Jesus bought our freedom, forgiveness, and salvation on the cross. There is nothing more that we can do or need to do. To try to be good or work to earn His favor would be pointless and fruitless. Yet still, living a good life of devotion as a genuine thanksgiving offering with the pure intention to simply love God well is admirable. We were highly honored to receive the wondrous love offering of the Father, and He satisfies us by equipping us with the gift we can offer up to Him in return—our very lives. Truly nothing else would suffice.

So, with the purest intention and most in-depth love, we lift our lives to Him with gratitude, and we praise the One who gave us breath, taught us, and sacrificed His life for us. This gift and offering will remain pure, for we resolve that we do none of it in attempts to gain the acceptance He has already lavished on us. We do it as a way to show honor to the One who gives us life.

How fortunate we have His strength, equipping, and promise of help to live an honorable life that can please Him, for He sees us in the perfection of Jesus, as we live in Him. His invitation was clear, to "accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child" (Mark 10:15, MSG). How precious when we stand in simple trust in this love offering from the Father and accept it as His child.

When we offer ourselves up for His Kingdom, His heart is touched, and we love Him well. And so we strive to live honorably as a thanksgiving offering. Our Father adores this, and this loves Him well, for it acknowledges He is the source of all our affections.

### **Prayer**

*Thank you, God of passion for loving me well.  
I know Your only ask of me is to love you well.  
I love you now and always with my whole self...  
just as You did for me. I am grateful!  
Amen.*