

What does it mean to love God?

A. How does God like to be loved? What is his love language?

1. Deut 10:12-13
2. Josh 22:5
3. Mic 6:8
4. Jn 14:15
5. 1 Jn 5:3 NLT

God wants to be loved by his people. How can God command that we love him? Love as an emotion cannot be commanded. The only type of love that can be commanded is love by choice. Just like God chose to love us based on his character, not on our condition. God wants us to choose, freely to love him by obeying his word.

B. Obedience is not hard, it is a choice.

1. A matter of Choice. Eden. Gen 2:16-17
2. A matter of Choice. Promise Land Josh 24:14-15
3. A matter of Choice. Salvation Mk 16:16

The highest form of love is based on choice, not emotions or carnal instincts. We prove our love for God by choosing to obey him.

C. We have to make a decision.

Joyce Meyer: If you love God . . .

A. First, make a commitment to obey His Word. In other words, anything you read in the Bible that tells you what to do or not to do—do that. If you don't understand some of it, focus on the things you do understand first. Start with the clear instructions. . .

1. Col. 3:5
2. Col. 3:12-14
3. Eph 4:29
4. Eph 4:31-32

B. Make a commitment to heed the voice of the Holy Spirit.

1. Prov 7:24; 8:32.
2. Jas 1:19
3. Jn 16:13