



**Part 4: The Missing Link**

**Mark 12**

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

**James 1**

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

<sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**TODAY'S TRUTH**

**Great men realize that their commitment to God directly impacts everything else in life.**

**Application Question: Am I committed to God, really?**

**Group Guide**

**Introduction**

There may be many elements of a man’s life, but there is usually one that many men are missing. A man’s commitment to God is the most vital element of his life. If we neglect our faith, everything else will soon begin to deteriorate.

**Read Mark 12:28-31**

What does it mean to love God with all your heart?

What does it mean to love God with all your mind?

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

**Read James 1:2-4**

Why do so many men give up so easily when things get difficult?

What is the result of perseverance?

What trial are you currently dealing with? What is your plan to persevere?

**Read James 1:5-8**

According to this passage, how do we get wisdom from God?

How does doubt cause us to be unstable?

In what ways do we tend to be double-minded?

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