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Introduction

The goal of *Divine Moments for Men* is to help you experience a breakthrough with God, to show you how and where God is at work in your life to get your attention each day. If the Bible is really a blueprint for living, then God, through his Word, should be able to respond to any question you have for him. And he does! As you read the questions and Scripture in this book, it is amazing to see how God's answers to your daily needs are so clear and help you see with "spiritual eyes" how he is trying to break through to you. Sometimes God seems so big and mysterious that you may wonder whether he would truly bother with you. But he loves you personally and is trying to get your attention every day. This little book can help you notice the divine moments when he is trying to show you how much he cares. You can read straight through the book, or you can use it topically when you are looking for God's help in a certain area of life or if you just need more clarity about what God might say about something important to you. We pray this little book will be meaningful to you and help you experience many divine moments with God.

—The editors

Abilities

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How do I maximize my God-given abilities?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

Samson judged Israel for twenty years during the period when the Philistines dominated the land. . . . One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute. . . . Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him. Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the LORD had left him.

JUDGES 15:20; 16:1, 19-20



*W*ith a man like Samson, Israel should have been ruling the Philistines, not the other way around. How ironic that a woman—certainly smaller than Samson—brought him down! The strongest do not always prevail, the fastest do not always win, the smartest do not always finish at the top of their class. God-given abilities are only maximized when they are used for God-given purposes. A dollar bill is useless if a vending machine takes only coins. Samson’s great strength became useless when he used it to do something that didn’t fit God’s plan. Do you know what your God-given abilities are? These are sometimes called spiritual

gifts. One of the first breakthroughs in the Christian life is discovering the abilities God has given you. Then when you learn how to use those gifts for him, not just for yourself, you will experience a profound divine moment. Fit your God-given abilities into God's plan, and watch your life produce great results.



DIVINE PROMISE

WHEN SOMEONE HAS BEEN GIVEN MUCH,
MUCH WILL BE REQUIRED IN RETURN; AND
WHEN SOMEONE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH
MUCH, EVEN MORE WILL BE REQUIRED. *Luke 12:48*

Accomplishments

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

I'm just an ordinary person; there's nothing special about me. Can God accomplish anything through me?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. ACTS 4:13

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. ROMANS 12:16

This message was given to Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. AMOS 1:1

Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”
 “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s
 out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” . . .
 The LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

1 SAMUEL 16:11-12



Although God sometimes uses miracles and angels to accomplish his plans, he more often chooses ordinary people doing ordinary things to accomplish something extraordinary. One day God may call you to do something extraordinary, but meanwhile get to work serving and obeying him today. Then you’ll be ready when he calls.



DIVINE PROMISE

GOD CHOSE THINGS THE WORLD CONSIDERS
 FOOLISH IN ORDER TO SHAME THOSE WHO
 THINK THEY ARE WISE. AND HE CHOSE THINGS
 THAT ARE POWERLESS TO SHAME THOSE WHO
 ARE POWERFUL. *1 Corinthians 1:27*

Accomplishments

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How do I accomplish things that will last?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." . . . Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world." But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other." In that way, the LORD scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city.

GENESIS 11:3-8



Deep within the human heart lies a God-given longing for significance and lasting accomplishment. But too often we have much lower ambitions. It's easy to look out for ourselves. It's more difficult, more costly, more significant to look out for others. If our ambition is merely to look out for ourselves, we waste the opportunity for our accomplishments to last into eternity. Sadly, we become like ants who build their hill on a sidewalk and proudly proclaim, "Look! It will stand forever." We must always be asking ourselves if our passion and purpose is to accomplish things that (a) glorify ourselves, which are only temporary and do not last beyond this life, or (b) glorify God by serving others, which are lasting and bring eternal rewards.



DIVINE PROMISE

THEY SHOULD BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS AND GENEROUS TO THOSE IN NEED, ALWAYS BEING READY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. BY DOING THIS THEY WILL BE STORING UP THEIR TREASURE AS A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE SO THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE TRUE LIFE. *1 Timothy 6:18-19*

Accountability

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How can accountability deepen my relationship with God?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

“Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?” says the LORD.

JEREMIAH 23:24

You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. . . . Do what is right and good in the LORD’s sight, so all will go well with you.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9, 18



To be accountable means you have to answer to someone. To be unaccountable means you freely go wherever your desires lead. Accountability is literally giving an account of yourself—where you've been, what you've been doing, what your motives were. The one who is holding you accountable has the freedom to ask for this account from you. The purpose of accountability is not to keep you from having fun but to help you enjoy life even more by preventing you from impulsively doing something that will hurt yourself or someone else. With the right person holding you accountable, you will make better decisions that will positively impact your future. You may not always like to be held accountable; you may think it puts too many restrictions on you. It forces you to open up the dark corners of your life that you'd prefer to keep hidden. But accountability will keep you honest, happy, and on the right path. It's not always comfortable, but it's necessary. Ultimately, accountability means answering to God. If you're really going to take it seriously, you have to begin with God as your primary accountability partner. He knows all the secrets of your heart anyway, so why try to hide anything from him? Be honest with God, and tell him about your struggles. Follow his principles for living as found in the Bible. Then you'll be less likely to do something you will later regret. You will better understand what you are doing and why you are doing it when you understand for whom you are doing it.



DIVINE PROMISE

YOU WILL ALWAYS HARVEST WHAT YOU PLANT.

Galatians 6:7

Addiction

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How can God break the power of addiction in my life?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. And even though “I am allowed to do anything,” I must not become a slave to anything.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2

You belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

1 JOHN 4:4

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23



Who in their right mind would volunteer to become a slave, chained forever to a life of bondage? That’s exactly what addiction is: self-imposed slavery. It’s selling yourself into a lifetime of bondage to a habit or substance. While we often think of addiction as a problem

related to drugs or alcohol, there are other addictions that are just as destructive. You can become addicted to laziness, watching television, playing computer games, eating unhealthy food—the list goes on and on. You can even become addicted to good things, like exercising too much or eating too much health food. We all have our addictions, whether they are simply bad habits or serious dependencies. Sin is the worst addiction. Like other addictive habits or substances, sin often appears alluring and attractive and promises short-term pleasure. You can easily justify giving in just this once, thinking you have things under control. But soon you realize that your “one time” has turned into a habit you can’t stop. It now controls you. As with other addictions, sin often results when you lose your self-control. Ironically, the only way to recover self-control is to let God control you. His control is always for your benefit and for your spiritual growth. God can break the power of any addiction you are struggling with when you give him control of your life. It is imperative that you admit your addiction and acknowledge its destructiveness. God often works through other people to help you. It is almost impossible to overcome addiction by yourself; you need the consistent support of people who love you enough to tell you the truth and hold you accountable. But you must also hold yourself accountable to God’s way of living, as written in the Bible. This will keep you close to God, and he will work in your life to change your heart and desires. Surrender to the Holy Spirit, and God will replace addictive impulses with life-affirming desires. While it is important to seek the

help of others, it is only with God's help that you will have the ultimate power to overcome addiction.



DIVINE PROMISE

YOU ARE NOT CONTROLLED BY YOUR SINFUL NATURE. YOU ARE CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT IF YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD LIVING IN YOU. *Romans 8:9*

Advice

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How can I make sure I'm getting good advice?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

PSALM 32:8

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

JAMES 1:5

Then Jehoshaphat added, "But first let's find out what the LORD says."

1 KINGS 22:5

*W*hat should I do? This is a commonly asked question. In an age of conflicting claims and confusing information, many people are searching for wise counsel.

Maybe that's why counselors are in such great demand and advice columnists are in every newspaper. But there is a critical difference between well-meaning advice and wise counsel. God's wisdom is best because he is all-knowing. Seek knowledge and understanding from the One who knows everything that will happen today and tomorrow and every day to come. Then you will have the wisdom to weigh and interpret advice from others.

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

PROVERBS 12:15

*W*isdom is recognizing your own inadequacies. Foolishness is thinking you have none. It is better to recognize your limitations and seek good counsel from the beginning than to discover too late that your limitations have made your problems worse. Avoid getting into a position where you find yourself saying, "If only I had asked someone sooner."

The instruction of the wise is like a life-giving fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares of death.

PROVERBS 13:14

Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.

PROVERBS 15:22

Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.

PROVERBS 19:20

Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without wise advice.

PROVERBS 20:18



No one is wise enough to anticipate all the complexities of a situation or grasp all the issues related to a problem. Good advisers bring perspective, information, expertise, and experience to whatever challenges and problems you face. The right counsel can make the difference between success and failure, joy and sorrow, prosperity and poverty, victory and defeat.



DIVINE PROMISE

YOU GUIDE ME WITH YOUR COUNSEL, LEADING
ME TO A GLORIOUS DESTINY. *Psalm 73:24*

Affirmation

MY QUESTIONS *for* GOD

*The daily grind can be pretty tough. Does God really care?
Is he on my side?*

A MOMENT *with* GOD

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue
me all the days of my life. PSALM 23:6

I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for
you have seen my troubles, and you care about the
anguish of my soul. PSALM 31:7

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind
has imagined what God has prepared for those who
love him. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. PSALM 103:13



We all have a need to be affirmed. We want to know that our life has value and is valued by others. Unfortunately, people don't always offer the affirmation we need, and as a result we might feel rejected, alone, or worthless. When no one else gives you words of affirmation, you can still feel affirmed because the almighty God chose to create you in his image and longs to be in relationship with you. He sent his own Son to die for your sins so that you could have the opportunity to live with him forever. God's words and actions toward you affirm that he desires your heart and soul, and that you matter to him. When you realize just how passionate God is about you, you can experience a breakthrough in your spiritual life. You will begin to notice all the little ways he interrupts your day with a blessing here and an encouragement there. The more you see with spiritual eyes the daily evidence of God's love for you, the more confident and affirmed you will feel.



DIVINE PROMISE

MAY GOD BE MERCIFUL AND BLESS US. MAY HIS
FACE SMILE WITH FAVOR ON US. *Psalm 67:1*

Agreement

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How can I live in today's culture without compromising my convictions?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. . . . "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. . . . The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion. . . . At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king.

DANIEL 1:8, 12, 14-15



When trying to reach an agreement, there is a time to compromise and a time to hold firm. When the forces of evil tempt you to give up your convictions, you cannot budge. To compromise God's truth, God's ways, or God's Word is to negotiate with that which is unholy. The test of acceptable compromise is simple: Can you reach an agreement that satisfies both parties without sacrificing anyone's morals? If you give up godliness in exchange for anything else, it's a bad bargain. Work for harmony and agreement whenever possible, but when it is not possible, pray that God would break through the stalemate to make his will clear.



DIVINE CHALLENGE

PUT ON ALL OF GOD'S ARMOR SO THAT YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO STAND FIRM AGAINST ALL
STRATEGIES OF THE DEVIL. *Ephesians 6:11*

Ambition

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

Can ambition be good?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the
instructions of the LORD. Joyful are those who . . .
search for him with all their hearts. PSALM 119:1-2

Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your
own business and working with your hands, just as
we instructed you before. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:11

My ambition has always been to preach the Good
News where the name of Christ has never been heard.

ROMANS 15:20



Ambition can be compared to fire—both have the
potential to be powerfully productive or terribly de-
structive. When fire is kept in a fireplace, it produces
heat and light. But when it is used improperly, fire
threatens to consume everything in its path. So it is
with ambition. The Bible encourages us to learn to dis-
tinguish between godly ambition, which can produce

great benefits, and selfish ambition, which can blaze out of control. Godly ambition yields a burning desire to know God and do what he asks. Selfish ambition produces the desire to bring credit and glory to yourself rather than to God. You can test your ambition by asking yourself this question: Is it leading you closer to God or farther away from him? If you're not sure, then most likely it is leading you away from him.



DIVINE CHALLENGE

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "IF ANY OF YOU WANTS TO BE MY FOLLOWER, YOU MUST TURN FROM YOUR SELFISH WAYS, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME." *Matthew 16:24*

Anger

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

Why do I get angry?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.

GENESIS 4:4-5

"You have made me look like a fool!" Balaam shouted.

NUMBERS 22:29

"Didn't I tell you?" the king of Israel exclaimed to Jehoshaphat. "He never prophesies anything but

trouble for me. . . . Put this man in prison, and feed him nothing but bread and water!” 1 KINGS 22:18, 27

“Get out of the sanctuary, for you have sinned.”
 . . . Uzziah, who was holding an incense burner, became furious. 2 CHRONICLES 26:18-19

When Haman saw that Mordecai would not bow down or show him respect, he was filled with rage. ESTHER 3:5



Anger is often a reaction to your pride being hurt. When you are confronted, rejected, ignored, or don't get your way, anger acts as a defense mechanism to protect your ego. It is common to feel angry when someone confronts you about your own sinful actions because you don't want others to know that you've done something wrong. When anger begins to well up inside you, stop and ask yourself, *Who is really offended in this situation? Is this about God's honor or my pride? Am I acting out of humility or revenge?* Confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation will melt your anger away.



DIVINE PROMISE

A GENTLE ANSWER DEFLECTS ANGER, BUT
 HARSH WORDS MAKE TEMPERS FLARE.

Proverbs 15:1

Apathy

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

Sometimes I just don't care anymore. Does it matter if I feel this way?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

They have made it an empty wasteland; I hear its mournful cry. The whole land is desolate, and no one even cares.

JEREMIAH 12:11

What makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak?

HEBREWS 2:3



*I*ronically, apathy can cause you to lose what you most want. If you are apathetic toward your wife, you are in danger of losing her. If you are apathetic about investing your money, you are in danger of losing your retirement income. If you are apathetic toward God, you are in danger of losing the priceless rewards that await his followers in heaven. Apathy often seems to be a passive force that simply lulls you to sleep, but it can also be an aggressive force that prevents you from keeping what is most meaningful and important to you.



DIVINE CHALLENGE

WATCH OUT THAT YOU DO NOT LOSE WHAT
WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE.
BE DILIGENT SO THAT YOU RECEIVE YOUR
FULL REWARD. *2 John 1:8*

Apology

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

Is it really that important to apologize when I've done something wrong?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts." ISAIAH 57:15

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. JAMES 5:16



Saying "I'm sorry" for something you have done wrong is one of the most difficult things to do. You have to recognize your fault, face it head-on, and then humble yourself enough to admit it to someone else. A sincere apology is the first step in changing your behavior and committing to do the right thing. Refusing to apologize when you know you're wrong is a clear sign of pride, which can have devastating effects on your

life and relationships. But being willing to apologize demonstrates humility and opens the door to healing and blessing. If you need a breakthrough in your relationship with a coworker, a loved one, or God himself, the practice of admitting when you are wrong will help you reach a new level of trust and respect.



DIVINE PROMISE

PEOPLE WHO CONCEAL THEIR SINS WILL NOT PROSPER, BUT IF THEY CONFESS AND TURN FROM THEM, THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR TO DO WRONG, BUT THE STUBBORN ARE HEADED FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE. *Proverbs 28:13-14*

Apology

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How do I accept an apology?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son." But his father said to the servants, "Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring

for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.”
So the party began.

LUKE 15:20-24



When someone who has wronged you apologizes, you might be tempted to punish the person further, to lash out in anger, to make him or her suffer a little more. But in this parable that Jesus told, not only did the Father forgive his son at once, he also called for a party to celebrate this great event—his son’s being restored to his family. True forgiveness is not grudging or sparing but generous, joyful, and healing. When you accept an apology in this way, you will create a divine moment in the other person’s life by showing the same kind of mercy God shows when he forgives you.



DIVINE PROMISE

FINALLY, I CONFESSED ALL MY SINS TO YOU
AND STOPPED TRYING TO HIDE MY GUILT.
I SAID TO MYSELF, “I WILL CONFESS MY
REBELLION TO THE LORD.” AND YOU FORGAVE
ME! ALL MY GUILT IS GONE. *Psalms 32:5*

Approval

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

So often I want to be approved by others, but I know God's approval is more important. How do I properly balance these two priorities?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

We speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too.

ROMANS 14:17-18



What causes us to approve of some people and not others? Too often it comes down to appearance or performance. We don't like the way someone looks, or we don't like something they've done. Or perhaps the shoe is on the other foot, and you find it hard to win the approval of someone you love or someone you work for. You may never earn the approval of certain people, no matter how good you look or how well you perform. When evaluating your desire for approval, you should understand the ground rules. It's entirely appropriate for your boss to disapprove of your work if you are not meeting set standards of performance. It's entirely

appropriate for God to disapprove of your behavior if you are enjoying a lifestyle that is contrary to his commandments. But there's another kind of approval that everyone needs, and it should never be based on performance. It is the unconditional love we all long for. In a good family, you find love and acceptance no matter how you look or what you do. This is a picture of what it's like to be in God's family. As a child of God, created in his image, God loves and accepts you not for what you do but for who you are. The fact that God has created you gives you great worth. He loves you and approves of you because you are his, no matter what you think about him or what others think about you. The knowledge that nothing you can do will cause God to love you less should give you peace of mind and motivate you to please him even more.



DIVINE CHALLENGE

ACCEPT EACH OTHER JUST AS CHRIST HAS
ACCEPTED YOU SO THAT GOD WILL BE
GIVEN GLORY. *Romans 15:7*

Assurance

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How can I be sure God is calling me to do something specific?

A MOMENT *with* GOD

After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. . . . Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them."

JOSHUA 1:1-2, 6

My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus.

ACTS 20:24



Joshua knew for certain that God was calling him to lead Israel into the Promised Land. He was sure God would give them victory. But how can you know when God is calling you to an important task? How can you be certain? The first thing to remember is that you don't decide when you are called—God does. Joshua didn't choose to be Israel's leader. He was swept along with the rest of the Israelites in their desert wanderings and suddenly found himself being nominated for a leadership position. Joshua had been living faithfully for God, diligently developing his military skills, and allowing himself to be mentored by Moses and tested with responsibilities. He knew he couldn't fulfill God's call with just his own wits or strength. His biggest decision wasn't whether he should be the army's commander but whether God wanted the army to fight.

When Joshua became convinced that God would lead the army, he knew he couldn't lose. God was in it, and Joshua was the logical choice as commander—the call became clear. You don't need to worry about *how* God will call you. Instead, you should concentrate on *why* God would call you. A humble heart and consistent obedience are two characteristics that will help you be sure of God's call.



DIVINE PROMISE

AS FOR ME, I LOOK TO THE LORD FOR HELP.
I WAIT CONFIDENTLY FOR GOD TO SAVE ME,
AND MY GOD WILL CERTAINLY HEAR ME.

Micah 7:7

Balance

MY QUESTION *for* GOD

How do I live a balanced life? I can't seem to get everything done.

A MOMENT *with* GOD

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 22:37-40

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