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TURN A CORNER!

Luke 10:27: Love the Lord your God will all your heart....

There are two roadblocks to loving Him with all your heart. Roadblock one: intellectualizing Him, trying first to believe that He exists. You're first to love Him! Jesus says the heart comes first; the head will follow.

Roadblock two: distancing Him by belittling or distorting a wholehearted love for God. (For instance, "He's a Jesus freak;" "People like that have intense personalities; if it weren't religion it'd be chess or something else;" "If it meets his need that's fine; I just happen to be more well-rounded....")

Let God Himself teach us how to love Him. *He says* "with all your heart"!

...And with all your soul...

Your love for Him will unify, integrate your whole personality. All your emotions will become purified and synchronized when all your soul is loving God.

...And with all your strength...

Your love for Him will gather up all the energies you've misdirected to secondary things, and focus them all on the will of God, from one moment to the next. Then you'll have laser-beam energy; you'll be full of power.

...And with all your mind.

Theology is the queen of all the sciences. The greatest intellects of all ages have been stretched and challenged by God's Word!

"Be very careful to love the Lord your God" (Joshua 23:11).

You'll have turned a corner.