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## TURN A CORNER!

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Dt. 6:5).

You started out life loving only yourself. You wanted only your own desires gratified. Even a two-year-old grabs every toy he can and cries, “Mine!”

Through the following years we become aware of our needs and lacks and failures, and hopefully we begin to love God – although we love Him only because we need Him and want His help; we love God for our own sakes, not for Himself.

But when we walk with Him in faith, in obedience, and in prayer, and we develop a certain familiarity with Him as He grows sweeter to us – then we discover we’ve come into a new experience – *of loving God not for ourselves but only for Himself.*

Then we’re no longer grabbing and crying “Mine!” We’re saying with David that we’ve become like a weaned child, self-controlled and content in God (Ps. 13:2).

And we’re no longer using Him to keep ourselves out of trouble and to improve ourselves. We’re even saying with Job, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust him.”

“‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!” – sweet to you and more importantly, *sweet to Him.*

Ask God right now to mature your love for Him.