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WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF YOU?

Hey Christian! What exactly does God expect of you? Go to church? Congregate with other believers? Listen to sermons? Sit under a Bible teacher? Give your tithes and offerings? Refrain from sinful activities like drinking, smoking, cussing, or sexual sins? Refrain from gossip, gluttony, or any other uncomely activity?

To find the essence of what God truly wants from you, we must first go to the Old Testament. It is there that we find how God bares His heart to His chosen people. The New Testament then builds upon that foundation.

In Deuteronomy 10:12 we find that God lays that foundation for our relationship with Him. In fact, it clearly states WHAT He REQUIRES of us. If we “miss the mark” on this, then everything I listed in the first paragraph “falls flat” with Him.

The verse says, (NKJV) ***“What does the LORD YOUR God require of you...?”*** Here is the reply:

1. ***To fear the LORD your God.*** The Hebrew word for fear is “yare” (yaw-re’) which means “to revere”, or “to be held in reverence.”
2. ***To walk in all His ways.*** His “ways” are learned from scripture and the counsel of Holy Spirit. And yes, it may include much of the first paragraph in this teaching, but these things alone just don’t “cut it.”
3. ***To Love him.*** I John 4:8 says, ***“...God is love.”*** That is how we relate to Him, by loving Him back. I Corinthians 13 gives a sermon on love (charity). Jesus spoke in Matthew 22:37 (NKJV), ***“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart (and soul and mind). This the first and great commandment.”***
4. ***To serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*** The word “serve,” (‘abad) carries the implication to be “bond servants” belonging to Him as our “lord” or “legal master of authority.” We are to do His bidding. We are His “love slaves.” Our “heart” means our spirit. Our “soul” means our will, intellect, emotions, and our actions.

If we truly live by Deuteronomy 10:12, then everything else I listed at the start will “fall into place” so as to contribute to your “perfecting” which means the maturity of your faith walk in Him.

If you do nothing more than fulfill Deuteronomy 10:12, you will fully satisfy God completely. This is all He requires of you.