

## The Central Love Command Loving Self

We think of self-love in \_\_\_\_\_ terms instead of \_\_\_\_\_ terms.

**Matt 22:37-40 (NLT)** <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

A proper self-love is seeing \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ sees me!

Self-esteem = a true sense of one’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

Self-confidence = confidence in one’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Healthy self-esteem + God-confidence = confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ powers and abilities to accomplish in \_\_\_\_\_ and thru \_\_\_\_\_ what is consistent with His plans and purposes for my life!

No one can \_\_\_\_\_ live in a manner that is \_\_\_\_\_ with how they perceive themselves!

**2 Cor 5:14-17 NLT** “Whatever we do, it is because Christ’s love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for everyone, we also believe that we have all died to the old life we used to live, <sup>15</sup> He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them <sup>16</sup>, So we have stopped evaluating others by what the world thinks about them. Once I mistakenly thought of Christ that way, as though he were

merely a human being. How differently I think about him now! <sup>17</sup>, What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!”

I must look at \_\_\_\_\_ differently, because I am a new person in Christ.

**John 10:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Appropriate self-love is necessary for us to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ potential of God’s plans and purposes for our lives, and... for us to \_\_\_\_\_ God and others the way He’s asked us to!!

**Matt 3:16-17 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

Love flowed from Jesus because He knew His true \_\_\_\_\_ !

This Week...

Are there \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart or in my mind that are interfering with me reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ potential of God’s plans and purposes for my life?