

## Love's Priority

### I. Introduction

- A. What are the top 5 (most expensive) gemstones?
- B. What makes gems most valuable?
- C. What are the top 5 (most expensive) metals?
- D. What is the most important and eternal thing a person can do?
- E. Why is that better than anything else a person can do?



### II. Scripture

- A. **Word Study**—508 times in Bible: “*love*” (311), “*loved*” (98), “*loveth*” (65), “*charity*” (28), “*loves*” (3), and “*loving*” (3).
- B. **4 Rules** (Love Types, Values, Priorities).
  - 1. **Mar. 12:30**—“*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*”
  - 2. **Joh. 13:34-35**—“*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*”
  - 3. **Mat. 7:12**; cf. **Luk. 6:31**; **Mar. 12:31**; **Gal 5:14**—“*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets*” (**Mat. 7:12**; cf. **Luk. 6:31**). “*And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these*” (**Mar. 12:31**). “*For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself*” (**Gal 5:14**).
  - 4. **Mat. 5:44-47**; cf. **Luk. 6:27-35**—“*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?*”

III. Application

A. Name 4 ways **to love God completely?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

B. Name 3 ways **to love other Christians like Christ loved you?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. Name 2 ways **to love all people as yourself?**

- 1.
- 2.

D. Name 1 way **to love your enemies showing them you are a follower of Christ?**