

THE GIANT WITHIN
MATT. 22:37-39 / 2-12-17 / AM

I. FIRST, WE NEED A BALANCED LOVE OF GOD.

- A. The Bible makes it clear that God wants our love--Deut. 6:5.
- B. How do we express our love for God?--John 14:15.

II. SECOND, WE NEED A BALANCED LOVE FOR OTHERS.

- A. The Old Testament tells us to love others--Lev. 19:18.
- B. Jesus says we are to love our fellow Christians--John 13:34-35.
- C. John says it's a sign we are really saved--1 John 3:14-15.

III. THIRD, WE NEED A BALANCED LOVE OF OURSELVES.

- A. Yes the Bible even says we should love ourselves--Matt. 22:39.
- B. Why are we self-haters though?
 - 1. We know things about ourselves that no one else does.
 - 2. When we compare ourselves with others we always seem to come up short.
 - 3. The devil wants us to hate ourselves because he hates us.
- C. Why is it so important that we love ourselves?
 - 1. You can't give something away that you don't have.
 - 2. If you don't love yourself you can't really love another person.
- D. How can we learn to love and accept ourselves?
 - 1. Accept those ten unchangeables because God made us the way He wanted to.
 - 2. Understand that God is more interested in what's on the inside of you than the outside.
 - 3. Realize that you're still on God's easel and He's not finished with you yet.