

# The Essentials

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I was reading in my devotion and thought I would share this one verse for all of us today to hold on to and pray to apply it to our spirit man.

**Deuteronomy 10:12 - (NIV) - <sup>12</sup> And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**

- Fear God
- Live in a way that pleases Him
- Love Him
- Serve Him with all your heart and soul
- Obey His commands

I also wanted to share the next part of the devotion because of how true it rang in my heart and I literally JUST had this conversation with my parents the other day. I received a catalog in the mail from a well-known ministry and they had vamped out into selling things for the holidays with their logo and were also selling book bundles, and little trinkets. I remembered when they first started their ministry years ago and it was one thing, to raise money to send missionaries to preach the gospel of Christ. I was reminded of the “give the man a fish, feed him for day, teach a man to fish, feed him for life” quote.

So I felt like this subject was confirming something for more than just our household to hear.

*“Too often we complicate faith with man-made rules, regulations, and requirements.”*

Concentrating on His requirements won't bring chaos, it will bring order and that is essential as we go into this busy holiday season. May the joy of the Lord be our strength and His peace bring us closer together as we love and serve the Most High, in our families, and beyond. May it start with me Lord...

Blessings!

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