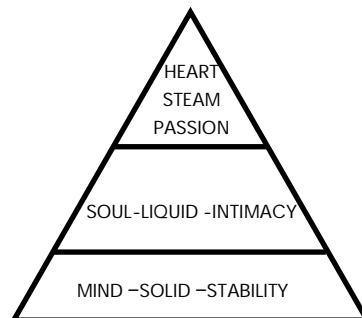


7 RHYTHMS: DEVOTION

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- I. God commands us to **love** Him with **everything** we've got **inside**. Matt 22:34-40; Deut 6:4
- A. We need to **love** Him for **our** sake. Eph 3:16-19;
Ps 135:15-18; 119:11
II Ki 17:15b; Pr 13:20;
Acts 4:13; Matt 6:21;
II Cor 3:18
- B. **Loving** God with anything less than "**all**" brings **trouble** our way. I Ki 11:1-6; Pr 4:23;
I Sam 18:9; Lk 8:14-15
- II. Each of our three "**players**" contributes to our **love** for God. Pr 2:10; 4:23; Ecc 7:25;
Jn 14:1; Acts 15:24;
II Thess 2:2; Phil 4:6-7;
Ps 131:2; 42:1-2;
Deut 4:9; Col 3:2
- A. Loving God with our **minds** provides **stability**. Ps 1:1-4; I Cor 14:20;
Eph 4:14, 17; Js 1:8
- B. Our **souls** provide **intimacy (connection)**. I Thess 5:23; Heb 4:12; I
Sam 18:1; Lk 2:35; Matt
26:38; 11:29; Ps 103:1
- C. Our **hearts** provide **passion**.
- III. When we **love** Him this way, we **fulfill** all that God **desires**.
- A. **Love** for God produces in us **love** for all he **loves**. I Jn 5:3; Rom 13:8-10
- B. Our **outsides** follows what happens on our **insides**.



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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These general questions are to be used by individuals or groups throughout the summer break.

1. Read the main passage from this week's sermon. Are you familiar with the book from which the passage is drawn? If not, read the introduction to the book in a study Bible or go to <https://www.biblica.com/resources/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/>.
Who were the author and the recipients? What were the issues being addressed, and where were they taking place? What are some keywords in the passage?
2. What do you see as the speaker's emphasis or main point in this week's sermon?
3. How does this sermon and main passage apply to you, and what is God directing you to change?
4. Which one of the seven stages of "The Pathway" journey does the sermon and the main passage address? What actions can you take to implement this Pathway stage?

Reminder: The Pathway – "Invest & Invite" Matthew 5:13-16, "Experience" John 4:23-24, "Rooted" Colossians 2:6-7, "Community" Acts 2:42-47, "Equip" Colossians 1:28, "Ministry" Ephesians 2:10, and "Multiply" 2 Timothy 2:2.
5. What about Jesus could be attractive to those who don't know Him? Who will you share Him with this week?
6. Invite someone over or share a meal with the intent to talk about this week's sermon. For example: What does it teach us about God or ourselves? What are some things we can do to stir our affections for the Lord?