

B. Discussion

The grounds of which we speak could be discussed at several levels and in several proportions. But we concentrate on two that are thought of as being in the province of those who are born again.

1. Love the Lord completely

The concept of our text is clear, Jesus calls it the great commandment. It summarizes, undoubtedly, the first half of the law of the Ten Commandments and is the needed support for everything else that is vital. It helps in the stability of our lives by giving us internal balance. We are thinking of God and putting ourselves before Him and thereby we are yielding the totality of our persons. Every thought is His, every action is contemplated as being His. It is a tall order and in coming to it the following steps are obligatory, although the order is my own arrangement:

- a. fearing...
- b. loving...
- c. worshipping
- d. serving...

To adore and to think about God with "all that is ours" is to bring us into a state of maturity that will direct our other emotional forces.

2. Love others as self

You will no doubt remember the "goldern rule" and you should remember the law of love of John 13. To love others as self puts us in the posture of wanting only for others what will edify and help them. Will a sudden and violent burst of anger do this? Will petty