

# “Loving God Passionately in 2010”

The Example of Peter  
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## Loving God passionately involves our:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – **Luke 22:31-34, 54-62;**  
**John 21:15-19; Acts 2:22-32, 4:19-20;**  
**Ephesians 3:16-19**

**Key Words:** Experience, Emotions

Loving God passionately involves our emotions and flows from personal experiences.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – **Acts 2:14-36; Philippians 1:9-11**

**Key Words:** Understanding, Knowledge, Scriptures, Truth

Loving God passionately can't simply be based on our experiences and emotions but must be rooted in the Scriptures.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – **Acts 5:17-32; John 14:15, 23;**  
**1 John 5:3**

**Key Words:** Obedience, Actions

Loving God passionately involves walking in obedience to Him even when it “costs” us.

“In a lopsided faith focusing primarily on the head, one’s relationship with God lacks inner vitality, spontaneity and a sense of divine presence. God is easily relegated to a doctrine to be defended or a propositional truth to be understood. The personal nature of God is easily lost, resulting in a failure to experience God in a personal or relational manner. God is worshiped and followed more as a set of ideas than as the personal, living, triune God of the universe, who enters deeply into the core of our being and walks with us through every dimension of life.”

Dennis Hollinger, *Head, Heart, and Hands*, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois, 2005, p. 63.

“If Christ calls us to love God with our mind (Mt 22:37), then to love without our mind will be an incomplete faith. A faith without the mind tends to be shallow and ill-equipped to cope with the inevitable realities and hard questions of life. Headless Christians usually resort to a faith dominated by feelings alone and become spiritually dependent on their own emotional state or on a series of peak ‘spiritual experiences,’ which they seek to continually replicate.”

Dennis Hollinger, *Head, Heart, and Hands*, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois, 2005, p. 58.