

SO WHAT IS THE EPHESIAN PROBLEM?

THE ISSUE IS PRIORITIES:

- It is obvious that the Church at Ephesus set priorities in determining how they would serve God.

PRIORITIES SET BY THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS:

- Work hard.
- Patiently endure.
- Not tolerate evil people but expose their lies.
- Expose false apostles/fake church leaders.
- Endure suffering and hardship for Jesus' sake.
- Not grow weary in well-doing.
- ~~#1: LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH. OOPS! FORGOT.~~

- How could anyone find fault with these priorities?
- Our Lord did. So our question is: Why?
- They left out what is most important.

DON'T MISS ...

- ☑ with **all** your **heart** and
- ☑ with **all** your **soul** and
- ☑ with **all** your **mind** and
- ☑ with **all** your **strength**

"LOVE GOD FIRST" COMMANDS—TEXT	PRIORITY GIVEN	ACTION	MODE
<p>The Great & First Command ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Matthew 22:37–38 ESV) And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <u>This is the great and first commandment.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the great and first commandment ... 	<p>You shall love the Lord your God ...</p>	<p>with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind</p>
<p>The Second Great Command ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Matthew 22:39–40 ESV) And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <u>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.</u>" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets ... 	<p>You shall love your neighbor ...</p>	<p>as yourself ...</p>
<p>The Most Important & Greatest Command ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mark 12:28–30 ESV) And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "<u>Which commandment is the most important of all?</u>" Jesus answered, "<u>The most important is,</u> 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is ... 	<p>And you shall love the Lord your God ...</p>	<p>with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength</p>
<p>The Second Most Important & Greatest Command ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mark 12:31 ESV) The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <u>There is no other commandment greater than these.</u>" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no other commandment greater than these ... 	<p>You shall love your neighbor ...</p>	<p>as yourself ...</p>