

A Reflection of **JESUS**

Make it Personal

As we teach our children about the things of God we can help them become aware of the foundations of godly behavior. We can prevent confusion and frustration by helping them understand what God requires of us; they need to know the rules.

Fortunately, God keeps the rules pretty simple—love Him, love others. He not only gives this code of conduct (the Ten Commandments), but will help the humble heart to understand that His commandments are genuinely holy, just, and good—just like Him.

Jesus lived by this code of conduct and by them revealed the true depths of God's Law. He explained very clearly that He did

not come to do away with the Law but to fulfill it. And He was very clear about the INTENT of the Law. *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and GREATEST COMMANDMENT. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Matthew 22:37–39). Jesus truly fulfilled the spirit of this great law of love by His life.

Applying these principles to our lives is a lifetime process. We need to “personalize” them—absorb them into our hearts and minds in order to introduce them into action. As a teacher of God's Word use the certificates to “Make it Personal.”

H*ear, Oh Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your forehead—Deuteronomy 6:4–8*