



Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 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. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



Mark 12:28-30 NIV

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the **most important?**”

29 “The **most important one,**” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**’ 30 **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’**”



Deuteronomy 6:4 AT

Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the
LORD alone.



Why Listen to the LORD?

- 37 Because he **loved** your ancestors and **chose** their descendants after them, he **brought you out of Egypt** by his Presence and his great strength, 38 to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today. (Dt 4:37-38, NIV)
- 6 “I am the LORD your God, who **brought you out of Egypt**, out of the land of slavery. 7 “You shall have no other gods before me. (Dt 5:6-7, NIV)



Deuteronomy 6:1-3 NIV

1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and **so that you may enjoy long life.** 3 **Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you** and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.



He Knows Your Name

- After this, his brother came out, with his hand **grasping Esau's heel**; so he was named **Jacob**. (Gen 25:26, NIV)
- Then the man said, “**Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel**, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” (Gen 32:28, NIV)



Oneness

- But he is **unchangeable** [*'eḥād*], and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does. (Job 23:13, ESV)
- “But He is **unique** [*'eḥād*], and who can turn Him? And what His soul desires, that He does. (Job 23:13, NASB)
- But he stands **alone** [*'eḥād*] and who can dissuade him? What he desires, that he does. (Job 23:13, NRSV)
- He is **one** [*'eḥād*]; who can dissuade Him? Whatever He desires, He does. (Job 23:13, JPS 1985)



Genesis 2:24 NIV

That is why a **man** leaves his father and mother and is **united to his wife**, and they become **one** [*'eḥād*] flesh.



Deuteronomy 6:5 AT

Love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.



Deuteronomy 10:12-13 NIV

12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to **fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,** 13 and to **observe the LORD's commands and decrees** that I am giving you today **for your own good?**



Loyal Love

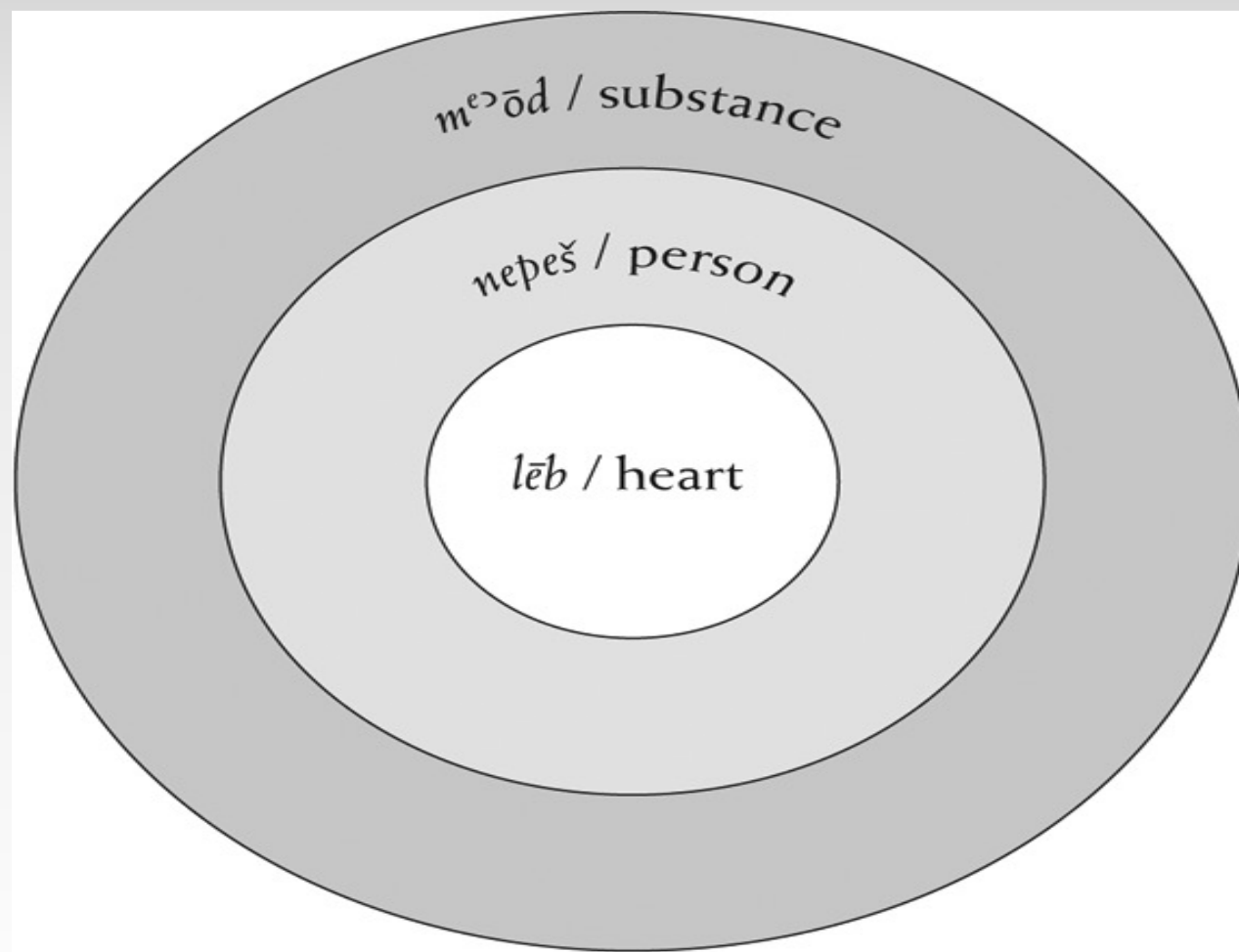
- In fact, this is **love** for God: **to keep his commands**. And his commands are not burdensome, (1 Jn 5:3, NIV)
- If you **love** me, **keep my commands** (Jn 14:15, NIV)



1 Kings 3:9 NIV

So give your servant a **discerning heart** to **govern** your people and to **distinguish** between **right and wrong**. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

Heart, Soul and Might



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Deuteronomy 6:6 AT

These words that I am commanding you today
are to be upon your heart.



Know Them By Heart



- My son, **do not forget** my teaching, but keep my commands in your **heart**, (Pr 3:1, NIV)
- Thy word have I hid in **mine heart**, That I **might not sin** against thee. (Ps 119:11, KJV)



Deuteronomy 6:7a AT

Repeat them to your children.



Deuteronomy 4:25-26 NRSV

25 When you have had **children and children's children**, and **become complacent** in the land, if you act corruptly by making an idol in the form of anything, thus doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, and provoking him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that you will soon **utterly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to occupy; you will not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed.**



Deuteronomy 4:40 NRSV

Keep his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding you today **for your own well-being and that of your descendants after you**, so that you may long remain in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.



Deuteronomy 6:7b AT

And talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up.



Deuteronomy 6:8 AT

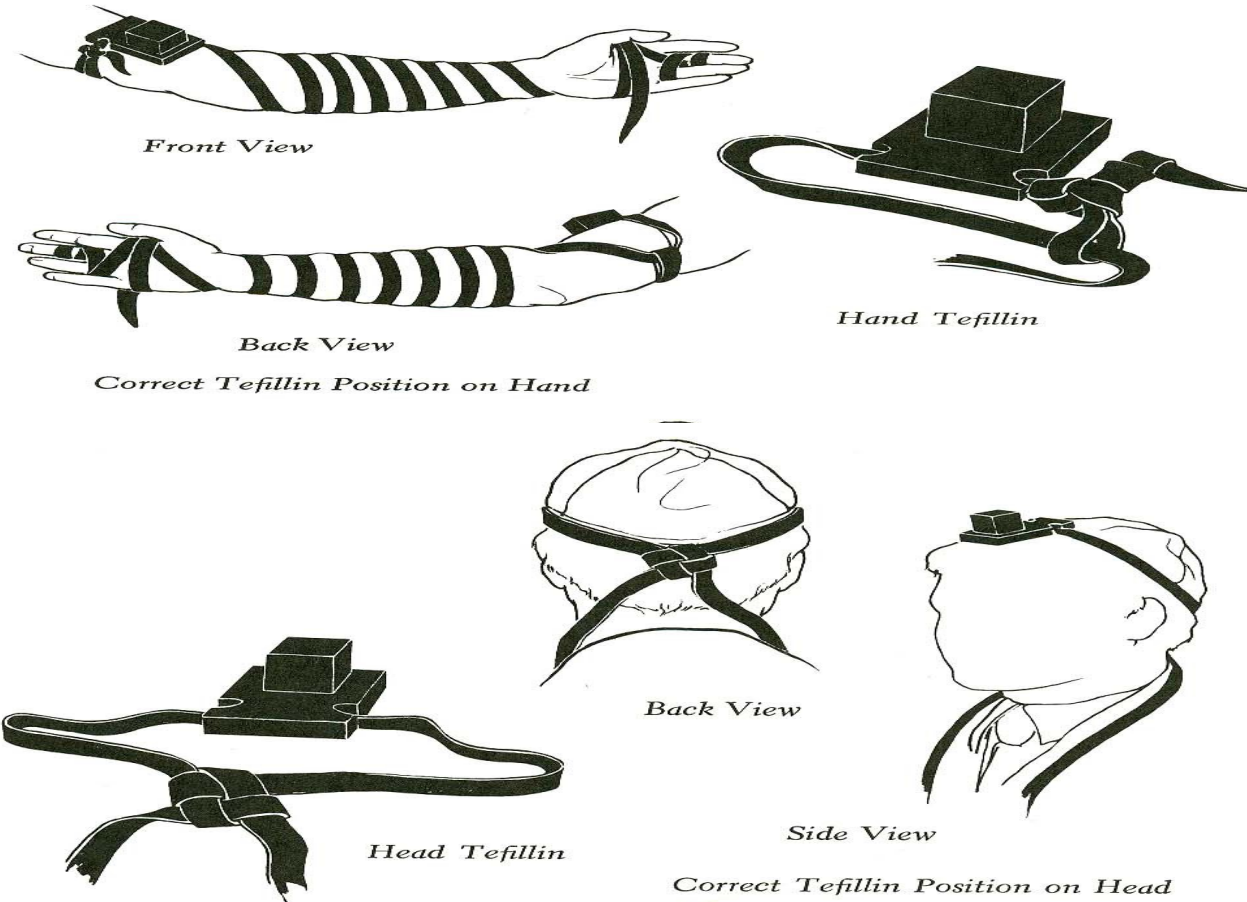
And bind them as a sign on your hand, and let them be as a symbol between your eyes.



Metaphorical Binding?

- Let love and faithfulness never leave you; **bind them around your neck**, write them on the **tablet of your heart**. (Pr 3:3, NIV)
- **Bind them on your fingers**; write them on the **tablet of your heart**. (Pr 7:3, NIV)

Literal Binding?





Exodus 13:9 NIV

This observance will be for you like a **sign on your hand** and a **reminder on your forehead** that this law of the LORD is to be on your **lips**. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand.



Deuteronomy 6:9 AT

And write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

Write Them On Your Doorposts

