

What do You want from me?

Ready:

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. And you must always obey the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.”

-Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Set

Michael has the potential to be a good player, but he gets so frustrated with his game. He doesn’t understand why his coach always wants him to change his shot and other parts of his game. Finally, he had a talk with his coach. Suddenly things became clear to him, and his improvement took off. His coach simply told Michael what he needed to do in order to get better and how those changes would help him in years to come.

In the Old Testament, we read about Moses and the Israelites. As Moses was leading them through the wilderness, many started to grumble and complain. Though God continued to provide for their needs, they soon forgot His provision. God gave Moses the guidelines to live by, and he constantly shared them with his people. I can picture someone approaching Moses saying, “What does He (God) want from me?” Moses summarized the answer with the verses in Deuteronomy. He specifically called out these four things: fear Him, live for Him, love Him and serve Him. Everything we do should be encompassed by these things.

Have you ever felt like Michael? I know I have, both athletically and spiritually. But when I read these verses in Deuteronomy again, God opened my heart to understand them in a better way. If you are struggling with what God wants from you, spend some time in these verses yourself. See where the Lord needs you to grow, and get one day better in Him. I hope they will bless your heart as much as they have mine.

Go

1. Think of a time when you struggled with what someone expected/required of you? What was the outcome?
2. How are you doing in the four areas indicated from today’s verses?
3. Today, in which of these four areas will you make a greater effort to grow?

Workout

Mark 12:30-31

Romans 14:12-13

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3

Bible Reference:

1 Thessalonians 4



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