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[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?”

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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.’

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31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” 32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

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33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

The
Wizard
of Oz

The Scarecrow

- The Scarecrow wanted a Brain.

(Colossians 3:1-2)

[1] Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

(1 Peter 1:13)

13 Therefore, with minds that
are alert and fully sober, set
your hope on the grace to be
brought to you when Jesus
Christ is revealed at his coming.

The Scarecrow

- The Scarecrow wanted a Brain.
- Remember to keep learning, if you stop learning, you stop growing.

The Tin Man

- The Tin Man wanted a heart.

(Proverbs 4:23)

Above all else, guard
your heart,
for everything you do
flows from it.

The Tin Man

- The Tin Man wanted a heart.
- Guard your heart.

The Lion

- The Lion wanted <u>Courage</u>.

(Romans 12:1-2)
(The Message)
But So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

(Romans 12:1-2)
(The Message)
Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.

(Romans 12:1-2)
(The Message)
You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

The Lion

- The Lion wanted Courage.
- Stand up, be different, live your life to serve and do good in the name of Jesus Christ.

Dorothy

- Dorothy just wanted to go Home.

(Philippians 3:20)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Dorothy

- Dorothy wanted to go Home.
- As followers of Jesus our goal is to get home too.

Wicked Witch Of The West

- We will encounter trials and difficulties in our lives.

(James 1:2-4)

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Wizard

- Turns out to be a Fraud.
- Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is no fraud.

• For us it is the narrow path.

(Matthew 7:13-14)

13 “Enter through the narrow
gate. For wide is the gate
and broad is the road that
leads to destruction, and
many enter through it. 14 But
small is the gate and narrow
the road that leads to life,
and only a few find it.

Summary

- The way of Jesus is loving God and loving others.

Summary

- We are to love God with the whole of our being:
  - Hearts
  - Soul
  - Mind
  - Strength

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