So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart..."

Luke 10:27

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1. Unreasonable expectations

- -Suffering-free life
- -God who serves my desires

2. Turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to what He does and says

"Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed"

Matthew 13:14-15

3. Being overwhelmed with various distractions

"For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world"

1 John 2:16

4. Being more taken by the worries of the world than our trust in Him

"Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful"

Matthew 13:22

5. Focusing on the practice, not the relationship

"Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah: 'To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?' Says the LORD." *Isaiah 1:10-11*

6. Limited knowledge of God and limiting God to our understanding

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

*Romans 11:33

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