Be an Organ Donor

Does your driver's license have a notation that you plan to donate an organ? What a potential lifesaving or "sight saving" gift that is to help someone else to extend their life or to increase their quality of life. Only caring, unselfish people donate their organs to others. Sometimes people donate specific organs to help a brother or sister, but may also help someone you don't know.

One of my favorite sources of Christian t-shirts is the Gateway Pharmacy, a Christian-oriented business in Kernersville. Recently I noticed a shirt that encouraged people to be an organ donor. The shirt included the by-line, "I Gave My Heart to God," and referenced the scripture verse from Matthew 22:37, *"Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."* Now, read it again with genuine enthusiasm. *"You must love the Lord your God with <u>all</u> your heart, <u>all</u> your soul, and <u>all</u> your mind."*

Verse 38 tells us why we read it with emphasis. *"This is the first and greatest commandment."* That is how important it is to God. If we do this in love for God, He will bless our efforts to love others.

The doctors need permission to share your human organs with another person. No one can make that call for you. It is your commitment, and your commitment alone, to make. It might save the life of someone else. The same is true of giving your heart to God. The faith of friends and family doesn't make you a Christian. It is your choice to make. If you make this commitment, giving your heart to God, you can help others to live.

Scripture: *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind (Matthew 22:37-38).*

Question: Are you ready to give it all to God -- heart, your soul and mind? How does that make you feel?

Prayer: Dear Lord. Your son, Jesus Christ, gave us His life so we can live. We pray we are willing to dedicate ourselves – all of it -- to serving you. Amen.