

LOVE

Extreme Makeover...Family Edition (Part 8)

^{a13} But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13 (NASB)

Five Things That Some Think Are Better Than Love at Changing Their Family:

1. Talk

^{a1} If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” 1 Corinthians 13:1 (NASB)

2. Knowledge

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4. Compassion

^{a3} And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, ... but do not have love, it profits me nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NASB)

5. Give My Life

^{a3} ... and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NASB)

I. LOVE IS POWERFUL

^{a8} Love never fails; ... ” 1 Corinthians 13:8 (NASB)

II. LOVE IS PROTECTION

^{a11} For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; ” 1 John 3:11 (NASB)

^{a24} A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ^{a35} By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:34-35 (NASB)

^{a12} not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous. ^{a13} Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.”
1 John 3:12-13 (NASB)

^{a8} Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8 (NASB)

III. LOVE IS PROOF

^{a13} Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. ^{a14} We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. ^{a15} Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ^{a16} We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” 1 John 3:13-16 (NASB)

Is My Love Growing...

- In the number of people
- In the kinds of people
- Over longer periods of time

IV. LOVE IS PRACTICAL

^{a17} But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?
^{a18} Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:17-18 (NASB)

“Love is the willingness to surrender that which has value in our life to enrich the life of another.”

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Five Love Languages:

- Words of Affirmation**
- Quality Time**
- Receiving Gifts**
- Acts of Service**
- Physical Touch**

V. LOVE IS PRIORITY NUMBER ONE

^{a23} This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.”
1 John 3:23 (NASB)