

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

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Mark 12:30-31

"Let love be your greatest aim..." I Corinthians 14:1 (LB)

"Everything you do must be done with love." I Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

THE BASICS OF LOVE

■ WE LOVE BECAUSE GOD LOVE US

"Love comes from God... for God is love." I John 4:7-8 (NLT)

"We love because God first loved us." I John 4:19 (NIV)

"We know and rely on the love God has for us." I John 4:16a (NIV)

■ LOVE IS A CHOICE AND A COMMITMENT

*"Choose to love the Lord your God and commit yourself to Him..."
Deuteronomy 30:20 (NLT)*

■ LOVE IS AN ACTION NOT JUST EMOTION

*"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."
I John 3:18 (NIV)*

■ LOVE IS A SKILL

"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know Him better." I John 4:7 (LB)

"Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all." I Timothy 4:15 (TEV)

■ LOVE IS A HABIT

"Continue to love each other with true Christian love." Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)

"If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them." Luke 6:32 (NIV)

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.” John 13:35 (KJV)

HOW TO BECOME GREAT AT RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. COMMIT TO GROW**
- 2. LEARN HOW JESUS DID IT**
- 3. PRACTICE THE SKILLS**
- 4. DEVELOP THE HABITS**
- 5. TRUST GOD TO HELP**

*“This is my prayer for you; that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love.”
Philippians 1:9 (NCV)*