

Love

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*What does
the Bible
say about love?*

Love

(Mat 22:37 NIV) Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

(Mat 22:39 NIV) And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

(Mat 22:40 NIV) All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

God is Love

(1 John 4:8 NIV) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Love One Another

(John 13:34 NIV) "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

(John 13:35 NIV) "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Love is Obedience

(John 14:15 NIV) "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Act in Love

(1 Cor 16:14 NIV) Do everything in
love.

Depth of Love

(Phil 1:9 NIV) And this is my prayer:
that your love may abound more and
more in knowledge and depth of
insight,

(Phil 1:10 NIV) so that you may be
able to discern what is best and may
be pure and blameless until the day
of Christ,

Love is the “Highest” Virtue

(Col 3:12 NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(Col 3:14 NIV) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Love from the Heart

(1 Pet 1:22b NIV) ... love one another deeply, from the heart.

(1 Pet 1:23 NIV) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Love is Grace

(1 Pet 4:8 NIV) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Love is from God

(1 John 4:7 NIV) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

(1 John 4:8 NIV) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

*What is
Love?*

Definition of Love



1 Corinthians 13

*What is
your love
language?*

Five Love Languages

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

Words of Affirmation

If this is your love language, unsolicited compliments mean the world to you. Hearing the words, “I love you,” are important—hearing the reasons behind that love sends your spirits skyward. Insults can leave you shattered and are not easily forgotten.

Quality Time

In the vernacular of Quality Time, nothing says, "I love you," like full, undivided attention. Being there for this type of person is critical, but really being there—with the TV off, fork and knife down, and all chores and tasks on standby—makes your significant other feel truly special and loved. Distractions, postponed dates, or the failure to listen can be especially hurtful.

Receiving Gifts

Don't mistake this love language for materialism; the receiver of gifts thrives on the love, thoughtfulness, and effort behind the gift. If you speak this language, the perfect gift or gesture shows that you are known, you are cared for, and you are prized above whatever was sacrificed to bring the gift to you. A missed birthday, anniversary, or a hasty, thoughtless gift would be disastrous—so would the absence of everyday gestures.

Acts of Service

Can vacuuming the floors really be an expression of love? Absolutely! Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities weighing on an “Acts of Service” person will speak volumes. The words he or she most want to hear: “Let me do that for you.” Laziness, broken commitments, and making more work for them tell speakers of this language their feelings don’t matter.

Physical Touch

A person whose primary language is Physical Touch is, not surprisingly, very touchy. Hugs, pats on the back, holding hands, and thoughtful touches on the arm, shoulder, or face—they can all be ways to show excitement, concern, care, and love. Physical presence and accessibility are crucial, while neglect or abuse can be unforgivable and destructive.