LOVE MATTERS MOST It's All About Love - Part 1 of 6

Matthew 22:36-39 (LB) "Which is the <u>most important</u> command?' Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The <u>second most important</u> is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself."

3 LAWS OF LOVE

I. The best use of life
1. Love validates
1 John 4:8 (NIV) "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."
1 John 4:20 (TEV) " If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen."
2. Love integrates
Colossians 3:14 (CEV) "Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together."
3. Love compensates for
1 Peter 4:8 (NLT) "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."
4. Love reverberates
1 Corinthians 13:13 (NCV) "Three things will continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthi	ans 13:3 (N	MSG) "No	matter	what I	say,	what I	believe,
and	what I do,	I'm bankr	upt with	out lov	e."		

II. The best expression of love

- **1 John 3:18 (GW)** "We must <u>show love through actions</u> that are sincere, not through empty words."
- **Galatians 5:6 (NIV)** "The <u>only thing that counts</u> is faith expressing itself through love."
- **Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)** "Live a life <u>filled with love for others</u>, following the example of Christ, who loved you and <u>gave himself</u> as a sacrifice to take away your sins."

III. The best time to love ______

- Galatians 6:10 (NLT) "Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone..."
- **Ephesians 5:16 (NCV)** "<u>Use every chance</u> you have for doing good."
- **Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN)** "Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now."

Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 14:1 (Amp) "Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire love. Make it your aim, your great quest..."