

HOW TO BECOME A MORE LOVING PERSON

Building Better Relationships - Part 6

I John 4:7-8, 21 "Let us love one another, for love comes from God... Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love... And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Popular misconceptions

- Love is _____.
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I. WHAT IS LOVE?

1. Love is a _____.

Colossians 3:14 "And over all virtues, put on love which binds them all together..."

2. Love is a _____.

1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and truth."

II. HOW TO LOVE SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE

1. Experience _____.

Ephesians 3:17-18 (LB) "I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your heart, living within you as you trust Him. May your roots go deep into the soil of God's marvelous love, and may you be able to feel and understand... how long, wide, deep, and high His love really is, and experience this love for yourselves..."

2. Forgive _____.

Colossians 3:13 "Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

3. Think _____.

Philippians 2:4-5 (LB) "Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing. Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ."

4. Begin _____.

Luke 6:27-28 Jesus said, "LOVE your enemies, DO GOOD to those who hate you, BLESS those who curse you, PRAY FOR those who mistreat you."

Ephesians 4:2 (LB) "Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other because of your love."

I Corinthians 13:4-8 "Love is patient, love is kind, love does not envy, love does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self seeking. It is not easily angered. Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. Love always protects. Love always trusts. Love always hopes. Love always perseveres. That kind of love never fails."

5. Expect _____.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (LB) "If you love someone ... you will always believe in him, and always expect the best of him..."

How to rekindle a lost love?

Revelation 2:4-5 "You have lost your first love. Remember how far you've fallen, repent and do the things you did at first."