

LOVE IS THE THEME (Part 3)

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Introduction:

1. Last Sunday, we talked about some Biblical foundations that are necessary for continual love relationships.
2. We talked about the Commitment, the Commandment, and the Choice of love; however, love has at least 4 other foundational truths that I want to share today that are necessary for our continuing love relationships to honor God and one another.

I. THE CARE OF LOVE.

1. The statement was made, "I don't care how much you know until I know how much you care."
2. True love is definitely demonstrated in caring for others as the Bible declares.
3. Our work ethic to provide for the well-being of our household reveals our caring or lack of caring in our love relationships.
4. I Peter 5:8 – ***But if any does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.***
5. Our love and care are also revealed in taking advantage of opportunities to help others as they arise.
6. Galatians 6:10 – ***As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.***

II. THE COMMUNICATION OF LOVE.

1. Love is more than a feeling – it's a particular way of behaving.
2. You must continually speak the love language of your mate with a kind attitude.
 - A. There are 5 love languages with which every human being is born.
 - B. They are as follows: Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Giving of Gifts, and Physical Touch.
3. Words like "you always" or "you never" should be left out of our conversations when attempting to solve communication problems.

4. James 1:19-20 – ***Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God.***
5. Ephesians 4:32 – ***And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.***
6. Proverbs 18:21-22 – ***Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.***

{We looked at the care of love, communication of love, now . . .}

III. THE COMPASSION OF LOVE.

1. I Corinthians 13:4-8 – Love exhibits consistent compassion.
2. I John 3:17-18 – ***But whosoever has this world's good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his compassions from him, how dwells the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.***
3. Jude 22 – ***And of some have compassion, making a difference.***

IV. THE CHANGE OF LOVE.

1. I Pet. 3:1-2 – ***In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.***
2. Romans 12:17 – ***Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.***
3. Romans 12:20-21 – ***Therefore if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome of evil but overcome evil with good.***
4. Joy and contentment come when we conform to Christ and love one another.
5. Matt. 6:33 – ***Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***

Conclusion:

What has God told you that needs to be adjusted in your life in order for love to be the theme in your relationship with God and others?