

A Real Love that Transforms My Relationships – Part 1
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Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, NIV

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

1. God is the _____

1 John 4:7a, NIV – Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

- NOT _____

1 John 4:19, NIV – We love because he first loved us.

- NOT _____

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

2. Love is _____

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, NIV – If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Romans 5:8, GNT – But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!

- Love is _____

1 Corinthians 13:4a, NIV – Love is patient, love is kind.

Exodus 34:6, NIV – And [God] passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”

Eight Don'ts of Godly Love

Number 1: _____

Matthew 27:18, LB – For [Pilate] knew very well that the Jewish leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy because of his popularity with the people.

Numbers 2, 3, & 4: _____

Romans 12:10b, NCV – Give each other more honor than you want for yourselves.

Number 5: _____

Luke 6:31, NIV – [Jesus said,] “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Number 6: _____

Ephesians 4:26a-27, NLT – And ‘don’t sin by letting anger control you’...for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

Romans 8:9a, CEV – You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God’s Spirit, who lives in you.

Number 7: _____

Romans 12:19, GW – Don’t take revenge, dear friends. Instead, let God’s anger take care of it. After all, Scripture says, “I alone have the right to take revenge. I will pay back, says the Lord.”

Number 8: _____

Proverbs 24:17-18, NLT – Don’t rejoice when your enemies fall; don’t be happy when they stumble. For the Lord will be displeased with you and turn his wrath away from them.

Ezekiel 18:23, NLT – “Do you think that I like to see wicked people die? says the Sovereign Lord. “Of course not! I want them to turn from their wicked ways and live.”