

*What Does It Really
Mean To Love?*



What is Love???

- What's often called love, isn't really love.
 - *"I would love for my horse to the win the race."*
 - *"I love hot dogs without chicken lips."*
 - *"I love the beach!"*
- Greek words for the English word love
 - **Eros:** Physical love, intimate personal love
 - **Philo:** Brotherly love, friendship, caring
 - **Stergo:** Parental love, deep seated love
 - **Agape:** Giving total love to another

Some Bible Examples of Love

- **Matthew 22:35-40**, Loving those not loved
- **Luke 10:30-37**, Loving our neighbor
- **Matthew 5:43-48**; Loving our enemies

Love Is more than just saying

“I LOVE YOU”

It involves actions that displays love

I Love You Means...

1. I will deny myself to your benefit!

- **Galatians 5:13-14**, “by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”*
- **1 John 3:16-18**, “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

I Love You Means...

2. I will be your servant!

- **Colossians 3:12-14**, “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”
- **John 13:1-17**, Jesus washed the Apostle’s feet
 - **Vs. 16**, “The servant is not greater than his lord”

I Love You Means...

3. I will forgive you time and time again!

- **Matthew 18:21-22**, “Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.”

- **Matthew 18:23-33**, Parable
 - Servant owed the king 10,000 talents
 - Fellow servant owed the servant 100 pence

I Love You Means...

4. I will be more impressed with the good in you than your weaknesses!

- **Roman 12:16-21**, “Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*”

I Love You Means...

5. I won't be envious of your achievements, and I won't ignore your pains and sorrows!

- **Acts 7:9**, “the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt”
- **Mark 15:10**, Pilate, “knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.”
- **Roman 12:15**, “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”
- **Romans 13:7-8**, “Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.”

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6. I will not choose to believe the worst I hear about you until I have talked with you personally.

“Love never fails.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

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John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”