

The Love Test

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Matthew 7:22-23

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

1 John 4:8 (NIV)

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

HOW WELL DO I LOVE OTHERS?

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1 Corinthians 13:1-8:

1 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. 2 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. 3 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. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1. PATIENCE and KINDNESS

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2. NOT ENVIOUS, BOASTFUL or PROUD

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3. NOT DISHONORING, SELF-SEEKING or EASILY ANGERED.

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4. NO RECORDS OF WRONGS, NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL.

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5. PROTECTS, TRUSTS, HOPES AND PERSEVERES.

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John 3:16-17:

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

My Next Steps

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