



Lesson 4 Love, Love, Love!

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3. Now I want to say,

Definitions:

- Eros:
- Phileo:
- Agape:

Some helpful passages:

John 3:16

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.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The previous passages describe God's love for us. Pick out at least 2-3 key thoughts.

As you read the passage below, fill in the "Agape love" chart below.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

| Agape love <u>is</u>: (list 7 things) | Agape love <u>isn't</u>: (list 7 things) |
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The left side of the chart lists "deposits," which you can make toward your marriage, the things listed on the right are "withdrawals." Pick out one "withdrawal" that you could stop making; pick out one "deposit" that you could begin making (or making more fully).

Ephesians 5:33

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Husbands are urged to _____ their wives. Wives are urged to _____ their husbands.

Love “languages”

Because God has knit us together as unique individuals, each of us has a unique way of giving love and a unique way in which we prefer to receive love; understanding that can be quite helpful in a marriage relationship. The following is one example of a break-out of the ways in which people give and receive love.

Most likely no one fits totally into one category, but it’s likely that you prefer one or two of the categories. Fill in the chart on the next page. What is your primary “love language?” Your spouse’s? What could you do to communicate love to your spouse in THEIR language?

| Love Language | Yours | Your spouses | Ways to communicate |
|-------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|
| Encouraging words | | | |
| Quality Time | | | |
| Receiving Gifts | | | |
| Acts of Service | | | |
| Meaningful Touch | | | |

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Assignment:

Watch any three of these Marriage Moments, all dealing with the subject of “love” (#31-39). Come to the next session with 2-3 thoughts that you found helpful/challenging/interesting, or about which you had questions.

31 - <https://vimeo.com/540248210>

32 - <https://vimeo.com/540251114>

33 - <https://vimeo.com/540253163>

34 - <https://vimeo.com/540255698>

35 - <https://vimeo.com/540259549>

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