

SERIES: BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS (part 1)

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"Let love be your greatest aim." 1 Cor. 14:1 (TLB)

"Everything you do must be done with love." 1 Cor. 16:14 (NLT)

THE BASICS OF LOVE

1. We love because God _____

"Love comes from God...for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19 (NCV)

"We know and rely on the love God has for us." 1 Jn 4:16a (NIV)

2. Love is a _____ and a _____

"Choose to love the Lord your God... and commit yourself to him..." Deut. 30:20 (NLT)

3. Love is an _____ not just _____

"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

4. Love is a _____

"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better." 1 John 4:7 (TLB)

"Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all." 1 Tim. 4:15 (TEV)

5. Love is a _____

"Continue to love each other with true Christian love." Heb 13:1 (NLT)

"If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" Luke 6:32

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." 2 Cor. 13:5 (MSG)

Assessing Your Relationships (Pre-Test)

God	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Parents	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Marriage Prospects (If you'd like to marry)	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Spouse	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Relative _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Coworkers _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Neighbors _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Different/Difficult _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Children _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great

"This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love." Phil. 1:9 (NCV)