



passages that

HOW TO LOVE

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“God is Love.” 1 John 4:8 (NRSV)

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35 (NRSV)

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.... Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.” 1 John 4:7-8, 21 (NRSV)

What is Love, anyway?

Biblical love (agape) is:

1. A CHOICE you make

“And over all virtues, put on love which binds them all together...”

Colossians 3:14 (NIV)

2. An ACTION you take

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

Paul’s Checklist for Love

1 Corinthians 13:

4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; 5 it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never quits; (NRSV)

Love is/does:

Patient

Kind

Rejoices when things go right

Bears all things

Believes

Hopes

Endures

Refuses to Quit

Love is not/does not:

Jealous

Boastful

Arrogant

Rude

Insist on it’s own way

Irritable

Resentful

Rejoice when things go wrong

How to Love

Step one:

LEARN THE LIST

Step two:

UNDERSTAND THE LIST

Step three:

With God’s Help LIVE THE LIST