
Which Love Will You Give?

Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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The Love Dare—part 1

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*Matthew 24:12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will **grow cold**.*

Three Loves

1. PHILEO—

2. EROS—

Song of Songs 2:7 Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.

3. AGAPE:

* Rooted in God's _____.

1 John 4:8 *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* ⁹ *This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.*

¹⁰ *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

* Demonstrated in Loving _____.

Romans 5:8 *God showed His love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

* Loves _____ of the Beloved.

Ephesians 2:4 *Because of His great love for us, God who is rich in mercy,* ⁵ *made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.*

* Deliberate _____ to Love

Romans 15:2 *Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.* ³ *For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."*

* _____ Self for the Benefit of Another.

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.*

* Deliberately Loves in Order to _____ Love.

Matthew 27:37 *Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

³⁸ *Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.*

³⁹ *Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads*
⁴⁰ *and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"*

⁴¹ *In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.*

⁴² *"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.*

⁴³ *He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"*

⁴⁴ *In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.*
