
Building and Intentionality
Building a Relational Tool Box—part 6
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Three kinds of love.

a. “Eros” –

b. “Phileo” –

c. “Agape” –

Love is rooted in God’s character.

*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.*

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

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.

Agape is not dependent on feelings.

It is not in our natural inclinations.
It does not depend on a response of the beloved.

*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, ...*

“One Another” commands.

a. Love one another. (John 13:34)

b. Accept one another just as God in Christ accepted you. (Romans 15:7)

c. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)

d. Be devoted to one another. (Romans 12:10)

e. Build one another up. (Romans 14:19)

f. Live in harmony with one another. (Romans 12:16)

g. Serve one another. ...

h. Bear one another's burdens. ... (Galatians 6:2)

i. Forgive one another.... (Eph. 4:32)

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1 Corinthians 13:4 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.

The richness of committed love.

- Security – I am loved even when I'm a screw-up. I can relax when I'm around you.
- Permanence – You're not going anywhere
- Strength – You will keep moving forward no matter how difficult life gets
- Faithfulness – I can count on you to be true to me.
- Trustworthiness – I can count on you to be trustworthy in all your dealings.
- Dedicated – Your commitment to me does not depend on me having it all together.
- Loyal – You will stick by me through thick or thin.

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