

SERIES: "1ST THINGS 1ST – THIS IS WHAT WE DO"

MESSAGE: "LET LOVE BE YOUR HIGHEST GOAL"

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1 CORINTHIANS 14:1, NLT

THE KIND OF LOVE GOD WANTS FOR US, IN US, AND FLOWING THROUGH US...

1. _____ and _____
a relationship with God

"⁷Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 JOHN 4:7-8

"God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." 1 JOHN 4:16

2. Is a _____ and a _____

[Jesus] *"²⁹The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. ³⁰And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' ³¹The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." MARK 12:29-31*

"Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning." 2 JOHN 1:6

3. Is _____ and _____

"¹If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a

clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing."

⁴Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-7

"Do everything with love." 1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." 1 JOHN 3:18

4. Is _____ and _____

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." ROMANS 5:8

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works." HEBREWS 10:24

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." JOHN 13:35

"¹Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ²Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God." EPHESIANS 5:1-2