

Showing God's Love
Biblical Parenting – Part 3
Life Church St. Louis – August 13, 2017
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1 John 3:1a (ESV) See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

1 John 4:8 (ESV) Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 Corinthians 12:31 (ESV) But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 14:1a (ESV) Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts ...

1. _____ is the best way to parent

1 Corinthians 12:31 (ESV) But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

A. _____ without love won't work

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 (ESV) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

B. _____ without love gains nothing

1 Corinthians 13:3 (ESV) If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

2. Love is _____ and kind

1 Corinthians 13:4a (ESV) Love is patient and kind;

A. Love is not _____ or resentful

1 Corinthians 13:4b-5 (ESV) love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

B. Love _____ in the truth

1 Corinthians 13:6 (ESV) it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

3. Love never _____

1 Corinthians 13:8a (ESV) Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

A. Love keeps _____ and hoping

1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV) Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

B. Love plus _____ is our goal

1 Corinthians 13:13-14:1a (ESV) So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts,

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How does God show His love to us as His children (1 John 3:1)?

How does God's agape love differ from ordinary human love (1 John 4:8)?

What is the purpose of 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter (1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1)?

How can a human being show or demonstrate God's agape love in their life?

- 1A. Why is agape love essential in parenting (1 Corinthians 12:31)?
- 1B. Why do good actions in parenting or life without love amount to nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-2)?
- 1C. How could a person give sacrificially of their resources and life without love (1 Corinthians 13:3)?
- 1D. What are some ways that parents can show God's agape love to their children?

- 2A. Why does a parent need a lot of patience (1 Corinthians 13:4a)? What is the difference between patience and kindness?
- 2B. How does irritability and anger demonstrate a lack of patience (1 Corinthians 13:4b-5)?
- 2C. How might a parent resent their children? How does resentment demonstrate a lack of love?
- 2D. Give examples of how a parent could rejoice in the truth with respect to their children.
- 2E. How is discipline a necessary part of agape love?
- 3A. When will prophecy, tongues and knowledge pass away (1 Corinthians 13:8-12)? Why will love never end?
- 3B. How can love do what 1 Corinthians 13:7 says in parenting?
- 3C. In what ways can spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10) be used in parenting (1 Corinthians 13:13-14)?
- 3D. How does agape love and God's power fit together in parenting and life?
- 3E. What areas of your life do you desire to show more agape love in?