



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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LOVE: THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS

"If you are a follower of Christ Jesus...All that matters is your faith that makes you love others."

*"For in Christ Jesus... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."
Gal 5:6*

WHAT IS LOVE?

1. LOVE IS A COMMAND

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." NIV John 13:34

"Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another" 2 Jn 1:6 NLT

Love is not an emotion or a feeling...it creates a feeling.

2. LOVE IS A CHOICE

"Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does!"

"Pursue love" NAS 1Cor 14:1a

Love is choosing to give to another person without any guarantee of getting anything back.

3. LOVE IS A CONDUCT

"Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions." 1 Jn 3:18

Love is a verb!

4. LOVE IS A COMMITMENT

"God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us." 1 Jn 4:16 CEV

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom 8:38-39 NIV

"Love never fails" 1 Cor 13:8 NAS

FAIL: coming down forcefully from a higher to lower level; fall; collapse, fall into ruins; fade or come to an end; cease; going astray; die

"... What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." Mat 19:6 NAS

How to Build a Life of Love

1. Learn how mature love acts and responds.
2. Start your day with a daily reminder to love.
3. Memorize what God says about love.
4. Practice acting in unselfish, loving ways.
5. Get support from other loving people.

"Let love be your highest goal," 1 Cor 14:1 NLT

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor 13:13 NIV

"In this life we have three lasting qualities: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love!" 1 Cor. 13:13 PH