

The Way of Love – Part 2

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I. From Self-Centeredness To A Servant Heart

²⁴When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked [that they would have special positions of power in the coming Kingdom], they were indignant. ²⁵But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people beneath them. ²⁶But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must become your slave. ²⁸For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." - Matthew 20:24-28 (NLT)

³Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he had around him....

¹²After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" ¹³You call me 'teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because it is true. ¹⁴And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶How true it is that a servant is not greater than the master. Nor are messengers more important than the one who sends them. ¹⁷You know these things—now do them! That is the path of blessing....

³⁴So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." - John 13:3-5;12-17;34-35 (NLT)

II. The Nature of Love- 1 Corinthians 13/Galatians 5/Philippians 2

1. Without Love, everything else you do is worthless !

2. What Love ISN'T

- Jealous
- Proud
- Demanding
- Unforgiving
- Quarreling
- Selfish Ambition
- The feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group
- Boastful
- Rude
- Irritable
- Hostility
- Outbursts of anger
- Divisive

3. What Love IS

- Patient
- Kind
- Joyful about Truth
- Sympathetic
- Endures through every circumstance
- Never gives up
- Always Hopeful
- Always Faithful
- Interested in others

III. The Five Languages of Love

1. _____ of Affirmation
2. Quality _____
3. Receiving _____
4. Acts of _____
5. Physical _____

Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before the Lord.

-1 John 3:18,19