

LOVE MATTERS MOST

40 Days of Love – Week 1 – July 18, 2010

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Matthew 22:36-39 (LB) "Which is the most important command?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself."

THE THREE LAWS OF LOVE

1 – The Best Use Of Life Is _____

Love _____ My Faith

- † 1 John 4:8 (NIV) "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."
- † 1 John 4:20 (TEV) "If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen."

LOVE PROVES THAT I'M A CHILD OF GOD

Love _____ My _____ With My Life
Integrate - combine one thing with another so that they become a whole – consider the word INTEGRAL - necessary to make complete

- † Colossians 3:14 (CEV) "Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together."

LOVE COMPLETES MY FAITH

Love _____ For My _____

- † 1 Peter 4:8 (NLT) "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."
- † Colossians 2:14 (CEV) "God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying his Law. He took them away and nailed them to the cross."

LOVE DOESN'T RUB SIN IN – LOVE RUBS SIN OUT

Love _____ Forever

- † 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NCV) "Three things will continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love."
- † 1 Corinthians 13:3 (Message) "No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love."

2 – The Best _____ Of Love Is _____

- † 1 John 3:18 (GW) "We must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty words."
- † Galatians 5:6 (NIV) "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."
- † Ephesians 5:2 (NLT) "Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins."

3 – The Best _____ To Love Is _____

- † Galatians 6:10 (NLT) "Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone..."
- † Ephesians 5:16 (NCV) "Use every chance you have for doing good."
- † Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN) "Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now."

IN OTHER WORDS "DO IT NOW"

- † 1 Corinthians 14:1 (Amp) Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire love. Make it your aim, your great quest..."

In Psalms 95 in the Message paraphrase the Bible says – Drop everything and listen, listen as he speaks: Don't turn a deaf ear...

Homework – find someone to love this week – Use the principles you've studied today – come out to church on Wednesday @7PM for another lesson and small group discussions and spend some time with the people God has put in your life.

The best use of life is love. The best expression of love is time. The best time to love is now.