

God, Love, and Duct Tape: Love Acts/Behaves For The Benefit/Profit Of Others. Love Matter Most!

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God, Love & Duct Tape, Pt.2

1 Corinthians 13:4, *Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails... 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Luke 10:30, *In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'*

Three Attitudes Toward Others Who Are Hurting:

-We Can Keep Our DISTANCE

-We Can Be Curious But UNINVOLVED

-We Can Treat Others How We Would Want To Be TREATED

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

How Can We Express Our Faith In Love?

-SEEING the Needs of People Around Me

1 Corinthians 10:24, *No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.*

How Sensitive Am I To The Needs Of Others?

(Needs Work) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 (Great)

-SYMPATHIZE With Other People's Pain.

Galatians 6:2, *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

2 Corinthians 1:3, *...the God of all comfort, 4Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*

How Sympathetic Am I To Other People's Pain?

(Needs work) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 (Great)

-SEIZE The Moment To Demonstrate Real Love

Proverbs 3:27, *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.*

Matthew 7:12, *So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

How Spontaneous Are You With Your Kindness?

(Needs Work) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 (Great)

-SPEND Whatever It Takes.

Isaiah 58:10, *and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

How Generous Are You With Your Resources? (Needs Work) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 (Great)

Galatians 6:10, *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Ephesians 5:2, *and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

God, Love & Duct Tape Homework:

- Reach Out To Someone You Know Who Is Hurting.
- Volunteer To Help At Cottonwood For Weekend Services.
- Sign Up For One Of The Cottonwood Mission Trips.
- Schedule A Meal With A Friend Or Neighbor.