

# God, Love, and Duct Tape: The Greatest Of These Is Love!

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### God, Love & Duct Tape, Pt.4

**1 Corinthians 13:13**, *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

#### F - FAITH

**Galatians 2:20**, *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**Hebrews 11:1**, *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

#### H - HOPE

**1 Peter 1:3**, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you... 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

#### L - LOVE

**1 Corinthians 13:4**, *Love...5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, ... 8 Love never fails...*

## **Three Ways To Live Lovingly:**

### **1 - Don't Live A Jealous Or ENVIIOUS LIFE**

**Matthew 20:13**, *"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'"*

#### **Biblical Thoughts On Living An Envy Free Life:**

**-Don't COMPARE Yourself With Others**

**-Be Grateful For What You DO HAVE**

**Philippians 4:12**, *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

**-Celebrate God's GENEROSITY To Others**

**Romans 12:15**, *Rejoice with those who rejoice...*

### **2 - Don't Live Your Life ANGRY WITH OTHERS**

**James 1:19**, *...Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.*

#### **Biblical Thoughts On Living Anger Free:**

**-Don't VENT**

**Proverbs 29:11**, *Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.*

**-Don't Own Someone Else's ANGER**

**Proverbs 22:24**, *Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, 25 or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.*

**-Adjust Your EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS**

**Proverbs 4:23**, *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

### **3 - Don't Forget To FORGIVE A LOT**

**Matthew 18:21**, *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

#### **Biblical Thoughts On Being A Better Forgiver:**

**-Forgiveness Is An ONGOING PROCESS**

**-Forgiveness Relinquishes The Right To GET EVEN**

**Colossians 3:13**, *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

**-Forgiveness Makes Me More LIKE CHRIST**

**Ephesians 4:32**, *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*