

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

1 Corinthians 3:1-7

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Do everything in love.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

John 3:16-18

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, *let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

John 4:7-8

*Dear friends, *let us love one another, for love comes from God.* Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

John 4:11

*Dear friends, *since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

John 4:16 ESV

*So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and *whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

John 15:9-10

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."

John 13:34-35

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*"*

Mark 12:29-31

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your

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strength.' The second is this: *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* There is no commandment greater than these."

1 Peter 4:8

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for *love covers a multitude of sins.*

Proverbs 17:17

A friend *loves at all times.*

Romans 12:9,10

Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 13:8

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for *whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.*

Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

And may the Lord make you *increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*