

LOVE MATTERS MOST
All About Love - Part 1
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Matthew 22:37-39 (TEV) “Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the greatest and the **most important** commandment.³⁹ The **second most important** commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ”

THREE LAWS OF LOVE

1. The best use of life is _____.

Why Love Is So Important...

- It _____ your 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.**”

- It _____ your life.

Webster’s: to integrate = “To form, coordinate, or blend into a functioning or unified whole.”

Colossians 3:14 (CEV) “**Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.**”

- It _____ forever.

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

Love is the one _____ of life
that will _____ for all eternity.

1 Corinthians 13:3b (MSG) “**So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.**”

2. The best expression of love is _____.

1 John 3:18 (GW) “**We must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty words.**”

“I’ve come to believe that the speed of society is as much responsible for the problems of personal and social dysfunction as any other single factor. Virtually all of our relationships are damaged by hurry.

We’re always in a hurry. Many families are being starved to death by velocity. We walk fast, we talk fast, eat fast. Then announce, ‘Sorry, I’ve gotta run!’ God, I suspect doesn’t fit any better into our break neck schedules than our children do.”

Dr. Richard Swenson, The Overload Syndrome

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 time 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 (TEV) “**Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it.²⁸ Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.**”