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Ephesians
Part 8



How to Love Someone (Spirit, not flesh)

1) Bless them (Matthew 5:43-44, Acts 20:35)
2) Do good (Matthew 5:43-44, Galatians 6:2)
3) Pray (Matthew 5:43-44, I Thessalonians 5:17)
4) Be kingly affectioned (Romans 12:10 φίλος [G5384])
5) Honour one another (Romans 12:10)
6) Rejoice & Weep (Romans 12:15)
7) Treat people impartially (Romans 12:16)
8) Reject revenge (Romans 12:17, Deuteronomy 32:35)
9) Be honest (Romans 12:17, Colossians 3:9, Prov. 12:22)
10) Live peaceably (Romans 12:18, Psalm 34:14)
11) Refuse wrath (Romans 12:19, Matthew 5:39)
12) Provide for those in need (Romans 12:20)
13) Destroy your enemy (Romans 12:21, I Peter 3:9)
14) Serve others (Galatians 5:13)

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.



John 13:34-35



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This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.



John 15:12-13

But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.



Matthew 6:3-4



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Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet;



Romans 13:8-10

and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.



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Co-dependent Relationship

One person (the caretaker) continually and excessively sacrifices their own needs to try and fix the dysfunctional individual (DI).

The D.I. crosses boundaries and requires excessive emotional, psychological and physical support to continue their current unhealthy and destructive lifestyle.



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5) Tough love vs. False love (Proverbs 3:11-12; 13:24-25)

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.



Proverbs 3:11-12

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. 25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.



Proverbs 13:24-25



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For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:



Colossians 1:16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.



John 1:1-3



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4) The working of His mighty power (G1411 [δύναμις]Matthew 17:19-20, I John 5:14)

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Hebrews 12:2

Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.



Hebrews 2:8

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