



# Christian Caregiving

Week 4: Loving People

Love is . . . .

Overused.  
Examples?

Underused.  
Examples?

Misused.  
Examples?

# Definitions of love

## + Articulated in the Bible as

+ Agape: divine love. John 3:16

+ Agape love is perfect, unconditional, sacrificial, and pure.

+ Eros: sensual love. Proverbs 5:18-19. (*'ahăbâ*)

+ the Greek word for sensual or romantic love.

+ Phileo: brotherly love. John 13:35

+ Philia is the most general type of love in Scripture, encompassing love for fellow humans, care, respect, and compassion for people in need.

+ Storge: kindred love. Romans 12:10

+ This Greek word describes family love, the affectionate bond that develops naturally between parents and children, and brothers and sisters.

+ Noun: An intense feeling of affection for someone, or a great interest and pleasure in something.

+ Verb: something we do



# Love Directions

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Vertical: between God and us

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Horizontal: between us and others

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Loving horizontally happens when we love vertically.

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God's love (agape) is one that is sacrificial and transformational, NOT the conditional, impulsive, and performance-based love that permeates our society.

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Agape love is personal and purposeful



# I John 3:13-18

Love: in deed and in truth

John 1:14

- Jesus Christ: Grace and truth

John 4:23

- Worship: Spirit and truth

# Truth

1. What is true in any matter under consideration opposed to what is fictitious or false.

2. What is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth.

3. The truth as taught in the Christian religion, respecting God and the execution of his purposes through Christ.



# Deed

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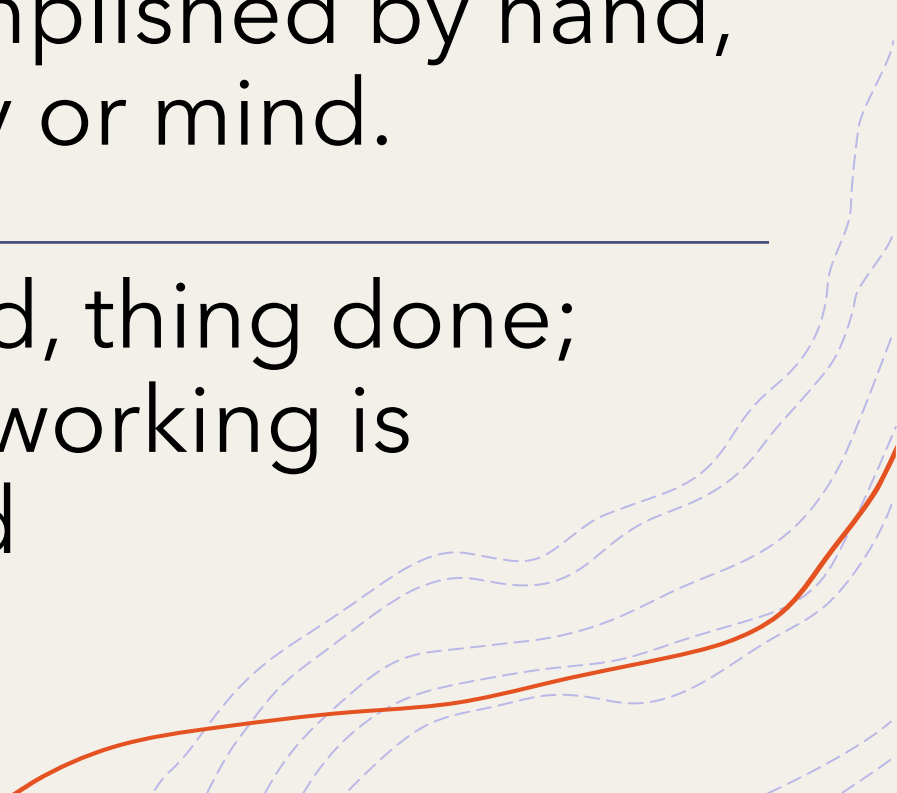
Business, employment. That which one undertakes to do; enterprise, undertaking.

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Any product whatever, any thing accomplished by hand, act, industry or mind.

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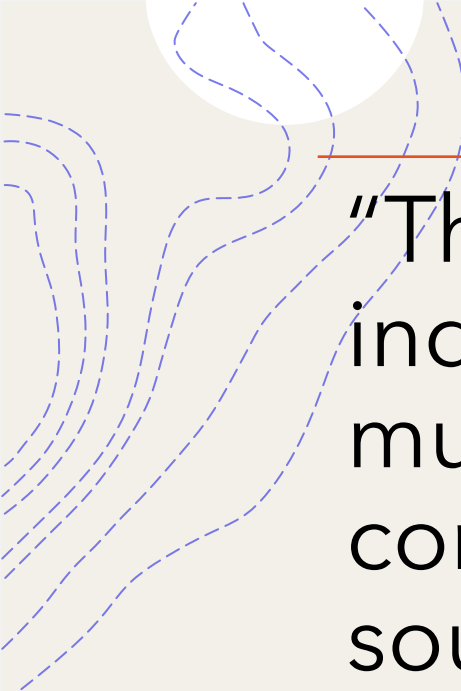
An act, deed, thing done; the idea of working is emphasized



# Deed and Truth . . .

- + Interesting that the usage in I John puts the word “deed” in the same category as “worship” and when describing Jesus.
- + Can we love others “untruthilly”?
- + Can we love others without deeds?
  - + CSB and NIV: actions





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“The opposite of love is not hate; it is indifference. If we truly love people, we must genuinely care about them and concern ourselves with their hearts and souls.”

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Consider Romans 12:9

