

Sermon Notes

All of life is about relationships.

Your quality of life is directly affected by the quality of your relationships

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Whoever has your heart has your life

Love: Loving Others Without Condition

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:6-8 (ESV) For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Four Counterfeits for “Love”

1. “Love” as an emotion
2. “Love” as infatuation
3. “Love” as lust
4. “Love” as “need-love”

Three Characteristics of True Love

1. True love is unconditional
2. True love gives
3. True love is a commitment that focuses on the “success” of the other person.

1 Peter 4:8 (ESV) Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV) Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

True love is a magnet!

What if we learned to love – with no strings attached?

