

(Matthew 16:21-28 NIV) Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to **be my disciple** must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

(Matthew 28:16-20 NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(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."

WHAT IS LOVE?

1. **Storge** – _____ affection

(Romans 1:31 KJV) Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

2. **Eros** – _____ attraction

3. **Phileo** – _____ affection

(Romans 12:10) Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

4. **Agape** – _____ love

(John 15:13) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

(John 15:12) This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

(John 15:5) I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

(John 15:10-11) If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

--- BAIT OF SATAN ---

(Matthew 24:10-14 NKJV) And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

(Luke 17:1 NKJV) Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

(Proverbs 18:19 NKJV) A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle.

(John 10:10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

- Most people that are in the _____, do not know it.
- Those _____ to me, have the greatest chance of offending me.
- My _____ offense may not be the only trap I need to be released from.

--- ON OR OFF THE VINE ---

1. I'm _____.
 - I can move towards _____. (offense)
 - ✓ I can move towards _____.
2. I'm _____.
 - I can move towards _____. (betrayal)
 - ✓ I can move towards _____.
3. I'm _____.
 - I can move towards _____. (hatred)
 - ✓ I can move towards _____.