

A large tree with a heart-shaped canopy of red leaves stands in a green field under a blue and white sky. The word "Love" is written in white across the tree's canopy.

Love



1. Love is the supreme value in life.

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’



2. Love is the primary objective of life.

The Way of Love

13 If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

2 If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

3-7 If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut,

Doesn't have a swelled head,

Doesn't force itself on others,

Isn't always "me first,"

Doesn't fly off the handle,

Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,

Doesn't revel when others grovel,

Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,

Puts up with anything,

Trusts God always,

Always looks for the best,

Never looks back,

But keeps going to the end.



3. Love is the greatest power in life.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love.

Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Eph 5:1-2, Msg

1 John 4:18...Perfect Love



Growing in the Christian Life

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35 (NIV)



Loving Your Actual Neighbor

by Alexandra Kuykendall

1. Hold a posture of humility Prov 11:2
2. Ask questions to learn Prov 18:15
3. Be quiet to listen Prov 18:13
4. Stand in the awkward Prov 18:24
5. Accept what is Prov 27:17
6. Lighten up Prov 15:15
7. Give freely Prov 11:25



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