

ADULTING

EPISODE 6

GROWING IN LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:11–13 When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Matthew 22:37–39 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO GROW IN LOVE

1. THE BEST USE OF LIFE IS LOVE.

- ***LOVE VALIDATES MY FAITH.***

1 John 4:8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

John 13:35 ***Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.***”

- ***LOVE MOTIVATES MY PURPOSE.***

John 21:15 ...Jesus asked Simon Peter, “***Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?***” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “***Then feed my lambs,***” Jesus told him.

- ***LOVE COMPENSATES FOR SIN.***

1 Peter 4:8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

- ***LOVE REVERBERATES FOREVER.***

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2. THE BEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS TIME.

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Ephesians 5:2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

3. THE BEST TIME TO LOVE IS NOW.

John 13:34 ***So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.***