



Talk 1

It's All About Love

1 Corinthians 14:1 (tlb) *Let love be your greatest aim.*

Let love be your greatest aim. Not status, not success, not possessions, nor power, privilege or prestige. Not comfort, nor money. Why does the writer of this verse say for us to make love the highest aim of our life? Why? **Because God is love and He wants us to be like Him!**

Mark 12:30-31 (ncv) *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. And' love your neighbour as yourself. There are no commands more important than these.*

1 Corinthians 16:14 (nlt) *Everything you do must be done with love.*

...THE 5 BASICS OF LOVE

- ***We love because God loves us.***

1 John 4:7-8 (nlt) *Love comes from God...for God is love.*

1 John 4:19 (niv) *We love because God first loved us.*

1 John 4:16a (niv) *We know and rely on the love God has for us.*

- ***Love is a choice and a commitment.***

Deuteronomy 30:20 (nlt) *Choose to love the Lord your God... and commit yourself to him...*

- ***Love is an action and not just emotion.***

1 John 3:18 (niv) *Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

- ***Love is a skill.***

1 John 4:7 (tlb) *Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better.*

1 Timothy 4:15 (tev) *Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all.*

- ***Love is a habit.***

Hebrews 13:1 (nlt) *Continue to love each other with true Christian love.*

Luke 6:32 (niv) *If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?*

2 Corinthians 13:5 (msg) *Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.*

... ASSESSING OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Spouse	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great
Children	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great
Parents	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great
Relative	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great
Co-workers	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great
Neighbours	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great
Different / Difficult	1---3 Poor	4---7 Ave	8---10 Great

Be honest in your answer and circle the most appropriate

John 13:35 (kjv) *Jesus: " By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another."*

... HOW TO BECOME GREAT AT RELATIONSHIPS

1. I must commit to **growing** - being intentional.
2. I must learn how **Jesus** related to people.
3. I must practice the **skills** in how to relate better.
4. I must **trust** God to help me be more loving.

Philippians 1:9 (ncv) *This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more, and that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love.*

... CHALLENGE

What Australia and the world needs more of are authentic Christ Followers who genuinely love others through their actions. Will you become one?