



Talk 2

Love Matters Most

The Bible is very clear about how God put us here on earth to do two things: to learn to love God and to learn to love other people. Life is one giant lesson in love.

Matthew 22:36-39 (tlb) *Which is the most important command?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbour as much as you love yourself.*

... 3 LAWS OF LOVE

1. The best use of life is love.

Why?

- **Because love validates our faith!**

1 John 4:8 (niv) *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 John 4:20 (tev) *If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen.*

- **Because love motivates our life!**

Colossians 3:14 (cev) *Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.*

- **Because love compensates for our sin!**

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

Colossians 2:14 (cev) *God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying his Law. He took them away and nailed them to the cross.*

- Because love **lasts forever!**

1 Corinthians 13:13 (ncv) *Three things will continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:3 (msg) *No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.*

2. The best expression of love is time.

1 John 3:18 (gw) *We must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty words.*

Galatians 5:6 (niv) *The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*

Ephesians 5:2 (nlt) *Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins.*

3. The best time to love is now.

Galatians 6:10 (nlt) *Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone...*

Ephesians 5:16 (ncv) *Use every chance you have for doing good.*

Proverbs 3:27-28 (gnb) *Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.*

1 Corinthians 14:1 (amp) *Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire love. Make it your aim, your great quest...*

... CHALLENGE

This week, take 5 minutes or 10 minutes daily, to talk with each of your family members.... and to listen to them. Look them in the face and listen. Spend some time with the people God has put in your life.