

## Nine Secrets of Healthy Relationships

### Love – Part Two

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

<b>Galatians 5:22-23</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 13:1-7</b>
Love	Love does not seek her own, is not selfish or self-centered
Joy	Loves does not rejoice in iniquity but rather rejoices in the truth
Peace	Love is not easily provoked, but is serene and stable
Patience (KJV – longsuffering)	Love suffers long, perseveres, is patient
Kindness (KJV – gentleness)	Love is merciful, thoughtful, and concerned; it envies not
Goodness	Love is great, gracious, and generous; it is kind and good
Faithfulness (KJV – faith)	Love thinks no evil but has faith in God and others
Gentleness (KJV – meekness)	Love is humble and gentle, does not vaunt itself
Self-control (KJV – temperance)	Love is disciplined and controlled, does not behave unbecomingly

#### Two Misconceptions About Love:

##### 1. The world says love is a feeling ... but God says love is a matter of choice!

Eros	Sexual or sensual love
Storge	Family or natural love
Phile	Friendship or companionship love
Agape	God's love

## **AGAPE LOVE:**

- It is a **love** that commits itself to the well-being of another, regardless of the **response** of the one being loved.
- We must have it in our lives as a **shield** for the other kinds of love in our lives, or they will never become all they can be.
- It is not a love that we **produce**, but it is the love of God that He produces in us!

## **2. The world says love is feeling ... but God says love is a matter of choice!**

**1 John 3:18 (NLT)** Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.

### **A. Love is Patient**

- Love is alive when it has **time**
- Love is dying when it is hurried
- Love is dead when it cannot wait

*Patience means I take the time to wait for someone else to change, to recover, to get motivated.  
Patience means I make allowance for someone's faults.*

### **B. Love is Kind**

- Love is alive when it **cares**
- Love is dying when it forgets
- Love is dead when it ignores

*Kindness means the ability to care for each other in the practical details of everyday life.  
Kindness means adapting and inconveniencing yourself.*

- **We do not change our actions by first changing our minds; rather, our mind will change when we first change our actions!**

**Romans 5:5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.