



Sermon Outline
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Love

Mark 12:29-31

Mark 12:29-31 - "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

1. Love is _____.

The Bible uses four different words for love:

Storge – family love.

Philia – friend love.

Eros – romantic love.

Agape – unconditional "God" love.

2. Agape love is intended to _____ and be the filter through which we express all other emotions.

Colossians 3:14 - And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

3. Agape love is filled with emotion but requires a _____.

1 John 3:16 - This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

*** Some _____ about love.**

1. The opposite of love isn't hate, it's _____.

1 Corinthians 13:5 – Love is...not self-seeking.

2. If not protected, love can become _____.

1 John 2:15 - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

We are supposed to love people and use things rather than love things and use people.

Takeaway: At least once time a day, stop, think and identify what emotion you are experiencing, determine the source, and express it _____.

*** Emotions are a _____ from God.**

Nehemiah 8:10b - ...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

*** God's gift was compromised by _____.**

Genesis 4:6-7 - Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

*** Emotions were not intended to be your boss. They are intended for your _____.**

*** Simple steps to benefit from your emotions:**

1. _____ what emotion you're experiencing.

* Identifying the emotion you are experiencing is the first step in handling it rather than it handling you.

2. _____ the source or trigger of it.

* Many of the Psalms offer an example of David processing his raw emotions.

3. _____ how to express it - internally or externally.

* Feelings not expressed don't go away.

*** The Supremacy of Love:**

You can _____ without loving but you can never love without _____.