



## What Does it Mean To Really Love Someone?



What does it mean to really love someone? We know there are numerous Greek words used for our English equivalent "love." Sometimes what we call love is not love at all - it is nothing more than another expression of selfishness. Hopefully we would be more like "Big Brown's" co-owner. Big Brown had a great hope of being a Triple Crown Winner but he lost the Belmont. After the race his co-owner hugged the horse and said, "I wanted him to know that he could run dead last...and I still would love him." Such an expression of love is unique indeed!

Look at some of the types of love the Bible describes. There is the love for God that Jesus describes in **Matthew 22:35-40**. This love according to Thayer involves "loving dearly or welcoming" the object of the love. There is the love we are to have for our neighbor depicted by Jesus in the parable of the "Good Samaritan" (**Luke 10**). There is also tough love for your enemies as taught by Jesus in **Matthew 5:43** and Paul in **Romans 12:20**. All of the types of love described above involves more than just saying the words "I Love You" - they all involve actions that display our love.

Owen Solomon lists a number of things that love means; consider some of his suggestions:

- (1) I love you means I will deny myself to your benefit (**Galatians 5:13; 1 John 3:16; 4:11; Matthew 20:20**).
- (2) I love you means I will be your servant (**Colossians 3:13; John 13:1-17**).
- (3) I love you means I will readily forgive you time and time again (**Matthew 18:21**).
- (4) I love you means I will be more impressed with the good of your person than the weakness (**Romans 12:21**).
- (5) I love you means I will neither be jealous of your achievements nor indifferent to your pains and sorrows (**Romans 12:15**).
- (6) I love you means I will not choose to believe the worst I hear about you until I have it confirmed or denied to me by you personally (**1 Corinthians 13**).

As Owen indicates we need to use the term "I love you" frequently but we also need to understand what we are saying when we express it to someone. I would add that God is a wonderful example to us of what it truly means to love someone - if we ever doubt just remember **John 3:16**

- John F. Board, Elizabethtown Church of Christ, Elizabethtown, KY - via *Bulletin Digest*

When life isn't a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns!

### News & Notes

**CORRECTION:** Savanah Claire is the correct name for Renee Miller's baby, not Trinity as indicated in last week's bulletin. Sorry for the error.

**MONEY NEEDED:** Ella Beagle needs funds to purchase cards she sends out on behalf of the congregation.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All of the ladies are invited to participate in this activity to make bears for children.

**PANTRY:** Spaghetti & sauce.

**COVERED DISH DINNER:** Sunday, Aug. 16th following the morning service. This is to honor Jeremy & Karen Main who will be moving on Aug. 22nd to begin their new work in Coraopolis, PA.

#### LECTURESHIPS:

Kanawha Valley	-----	St. Albans, WV	-----	Aug. 4- 7
Ohio Valley	-----	Fairmont, WV	-----	Aug. 21-23
North Central Ohio	-----	Lorain, OH	-----	Aug. 23-26
West Virginia Christian	-----	Pennsboro, WV	-----	Sept. 13-16

#### MEETING:

Langeloth	-----	Aug. 2- 6	-----	Noel Sexton
Daybrook	-----	Sept. 6-11	-----	F. Higginbotham
CHESTER	-----	Sept. 20-24	-----	Brent Gallagher

**THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS:** At Home: Linda White, Helena Rice (age 6), Rich Robinson, Marie Jones, Crystal Baker, Herb & Beulah Rice, Docie Moore, Jack Board, Betty Carlin, Ruth Brewer, Harry & Imogene Nice. In Texas: Irene Moore (Dewey Sr.'s sister), P. O. Box 1647, Coldspring, TX 77331. Check the bulletin board for others who are shut in.

### — PARABLE OF THE BLOWER —

Behold, the blower went forth to blow; and as he blew, some seeds of gossip fell by the wayside, and the foul ear picked it up, and devoured the good brother it concerned.

Some fell to the phony Christian, and having not much worth, he straightway sprang out of his chair, telephoned his neighbor, and when he had hung up his friend was scorched and his love withered away.

And his brother who fell among thorns, not knowing how the tale grew up, believed it and was choked, and lo! He perisheth.

But luckily some fell to the good man and brought forth pity, so he squashed it, and he continued to gather of the blessings an hundredfold, sixtyfold, and thirtyfold. He that hath ears to hear, let him take heed how he heareth and to what his heart receiveth; and he that hath a tongue, let him control it or else keep silent.

- From the *Scrapbook of George W. DeHoff*