

# **Every Man's Search?**

## **(Part 5: Four Levels of Love)**

**John 14: 10-13; 15: 6-8**

- 1.** Baptism
- 2.** Repentance
- 3.** Living by God's Word
- 4.** I am a Fisher of men
- 5.** Becoming
- 6.** Salt
- 7.** Light

**All because of this thing called LOVE!**

Essential Understanding in order to fulfill the invitation

Remember the Greatest Commandment... Love the Lord thy God with all your heart...

WHAT IS LOVE?

What is this thing called Love?

The Greatest declaration that we are participating in the atmosphere of God, because

**God is Love**

1<sup>st</sup> John 4: 19 "We love him, because he first loved us."

1<sup>st</sup> John 4: 8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is Love."

Therefore, for us to love, God is involved. Humans can love because we are made in the image of God.

God created humans and God has implanted a portion of Himself here in us, around us, available to us, in order for life to be worth living. Other than that, we are simply just like animals: without purpose.

But love is the measurable amount of God. We measure how much of God is in or on us by our amount of Love that we experience.

## **I. Five Love Languages**

Time, Talk, Touch, Acts of Service, Gift Giving

## **II. Three Kinds of Love**

- Eros – Romantic Love
- Phileo – friendship love

Phileo – 5368 – brotherly love

John 15: 12- You are my friends... Jesus declares the love of Friendship

- Agape – God's love, self-sacrificing Love

John 3: 16 "For God so Loved (Agape)... Jesus declared true love, ultimate love, Super Love, God's love.

## **III. Four Levels of Love**

Only Two Motivations of Love: Personal Gain / Personal Loss

- **Level One** is all about Personal Gain or Fear of Personal Loss

Salvation/Marriage/Money/Tongue/work/sexual relationships... Measure your love in these areas?

- **Level Two** is a bit more spiritual because one has moved from personal gain or loss to someone else's personal gain or loss.

Salvation and others/Marriage and others/Money and others/Tongue and others/work and others/Sexual activity and the concern for others

- **Level Three** is an even more elevated Love, the Fear of loss or the special gain of the stranger; the Good Samaritan.

Salvation and Samaritans/Money and Samaritans/Tongue and Samaritans/work and others.

- **Level Four** is the Level that Jesus was asking for. This is the Agape Love that God has modeled in Christ. This is being motivated for the Personal gain or the fear of the Personal loss of God.

This was the thing that Nathan the prophet was telling King David in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12 when he said to King David, "Because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme"

John 14: 12-13 "...whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

John 15: 8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

### **How does this understanding manifest itself in life?**

Elements of life:

Salvation, personal testimony and God

Money and God

Tongue (temper) and God

Work and God

Relationships and God

Sexuality and God