

Introduction

Our new series of lessons is called, *Bible Principles*. It is our hope that we can bring forth 8 principles from the Bible that can help us all to live a more Godly life. The principles we will study in this series, if utilized, will also help us to lead a more successful, less stressed life too. Join us on our journey. The first principle we will study is the principle of **Love**.

*What does it mean to **LOVE** somebody?*



Definitions of Love

- Gratitude and Reverence to God
- Strong Attachment
- Admiration
- Devotion to another person
- Courtship with a person of the opposite sex
- Friendship
- Desire
- Goodwill
- Affection
- Tenderness
- Sacrifice

Love

- I John 4: 7-9, 12, 19-20
 - Verse 8: Whoever does not love does not know God
 - Verse 9: *God showed His love* by sending His one and only Son. **How do you show your love to others?**
 - Verse 12: If we love one another, God lives in us...
 - Verse 20: If you do not love your brother, you cannot love God...

The Greatest Commandment

- **Matthew 22: 34-40**

- Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. How do we show our love to the Lord?

- **John 14: 15, 23-24**

- **We show our love for God through our *obedience* to Him and His Word.**

- Love your neighbor *as yourself*. ***If you don't love yourself...how can you truly love anybody else?***

- How can we show our love to our neighbor?

- Love is more than saying the words—love is an action.

*The more obedient we are to God's Word...the more **love** we show Him*



The Good Samaritan

- Luke 10: 25-37
 - Love will cause you to sacrifice. Love will cause you to act.
 - Notice that the priest passed the man by.
Being “religious” doesn’t necessarily mean that the person has reached maturity in Christian love.
 - *Samaritans and Jews were in conflict. So, it was the most unlikely person who actually assisted the beaten man.*

Be a Good Samaritan— *Show Love to Someone in Need*



Do I have to love my enemies too?

- Love is not always easy
 - Matthew 5: 43-48
- *Questions for Thought:*
 - Can you actually make yourself love somebody?
 - Right now, in your own life, do you *show love to the people you say that you love?*

*How can we do a better job of showing our **love** for the Lord?*

*How can we increase the **love** we have toward our neighbor?*