



## *Lessons for Life*

### **Love Is A Value**

Declining Values – 4

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"Jesus answered, 'The most important command is this...'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." The second command is this:"Love your neighbor as you love yourself." There are no commands more important than these.'" Mark 12:29-31 (NCV)

"And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

"The whole law is made complete in this one command: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Galatians 5:14 (NCV)

## I. Love By Divine DEFINITION

### Man Says:

- \* Love is a FEELING
- \* Love is UNCONTROLLABLE

### God Says:

1. Love is a COMMAND

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together."  
Col. 3:14 (NIV)

2. Love is an ACTION

"...let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions."  
1 John 3:18 (LB)

## II. Love By Divine DIRECTION

1. Be PATIENT

"Love is patient..." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2 (LB)

2. Be KIND

"... love is kind..." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

"Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32 (LB)

3. Be SECURE

"It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

4. Be SELFLESS

"It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." 1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

5. Be PERSISTENT

"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."  
1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV)

"And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9 (LB)