Nine Secrets of Healthy Relationships

Love – Part Two

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**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

22 But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

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Two Misconceptions About Love:

1. The world says love is a ____________________ ... but God says love is a matter of ____________________!

   - Eros: Sexual or sensual love
   - Storge: Family or natural love
   - Phile: Friendship or companionship love
   - Agape: God’s love

**AGAPE LOVE:**

- It is a ________________ that commits itself to the well being of another, regardless of the ____________ of the one being loved.
- We must have it in our lives as a ____________ for the other kinds of love in our lives, or they will never become all they can be.
- It is not a love that we ________________________, but it is the love of God that He produces in us!

2. The world says love is ____________________ ... but God says love is a matter of ____________________!

   1 John 3:18 (NLT) Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.

   A. Love is _________________________________
      - Love is alive when it has __________________
      - Love is dying when it is hurried
      - Love is dead when it cannot wait

      *Patience means I take the time to wait for someone else to change, to recover, to get motivated. Patience means I make allowance for someone’s faults.*

   B. Love is _________________________________
      - Love is alive when it __________________
      - Love is dying when it forgets
      - Love is dead when it ignores

      *Kindness means the ability to care for each other in the practical details of everyday life. Kindness means adapting and inconveniencing yourself.*

   - We do not change our actions by first changing our ____________; rather, our ____________ will change when we first change our actions!

   Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.