

Authentic – The Greatest of These
1 John 4:7-12

“And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' "This is the great and foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'”
Matthew 22:37-39 (NASB)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:34-35 (NASB)*

1. Love is a _____, not a feeling.

“Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.” *Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)*

You choose to love then love motivates your choices.

2. Love is _____, not self-serving.

“and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” *Romans 5:5 (NASB)*

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” *1 John 3:16-18 (NASB)*

3. Love is _____, not earned.

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," *Luke 6:27 (NASB)*

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” *Romans 5:8 (NASB)*