

Petaluma Valley Baptist Church

That's LOVE

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (NL7)

You Possess the Power to be a _____!

Guideline #1

God will release His power through us when our motivation and focus is to _____ and _____ others

- ♦ **James 4:2-3** – *And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure. (NL7)*

Guideline #2

Don't seek _____ power in your life until you've effectively _____ what you have already been given

- ♦ **Matthew 25:21** - *Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. (NL7)*

WHAT IS LOVE?

**It is our most _____ and
_____ human need**

Key Understanding: Our deepest need is a heartfelt cry that says, "I need to _____"

BOTTOM LINE:

You only need to have _____ loves in your life to have a successful and highly satisfying life...

⇒ **A Love for _____**

⇒ **A Love for the person who happens to be in _____ of _____ at any given moment**

CLOSING CHALLENGE:

- ♦ **1 Corinthians 16:14** - *Let everything you do be done with love. (NL7)*
- ♦ **1 Peter 1:22** - *See to it that you really do love each other intensely with all your hearts. (NL7)*

God created us to love: _____ and _____

~ How to Become Channels of God's Love:

1. Recognize and acknowledge that the power of love is _____ present in you
2. Recognize and acknowledge that you are capable of "_____ " acts of love

♦ **Matthew 10:42** - If you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded. (NLT)

3. Recognize and acknowledge that there are _____ the flow of love

⇒ **B** _____

⇒ **P** _____

The antidote to pride: _____, **demonstrated in** _____

♦ **Philippians 2:5-8** - Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. (NLT)

♦ **1 John 3:18-19** - Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth. (NLT)

⇒ **U** _____

♦ **Ephesians 4:32** – Be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (NLT)

♦ **Matthew 25:40** I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! (NLT)

Unforgiveness & resentment _____ **the power of God's love working in and through our life**

⇒ **F** _____ **OF I** _____

Return to the _____ of _____

♦ **1 John 4:19** - We love as a result of God loving us first. (NLT)

♦ **1 John 4:10-12** - This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love has been brought to full expression through us. (NLT)

KEY UNDERSTANDING:

⇒ It's not _____ like you are loved by God
It's _____ that you are loved by God

⇒ Not because of what you _____ or who you _____,
but because of who _____ is

♦ **1 John 4:8** - God is love. (NLT)

⇒ If you struggle with the idea that God _____
you, it's because you're more focused on who _____
are, rather than focusing on who _____ is!