

NORTH HILLS NOTES

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

40 Days of Love

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"Let love be your greatest aim."

1 Corinthians 14:1 (LB)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. There are no commands more important than these."

Mark 12:30-31 (NCV)

"Everything you do must be done with love."

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

THE BASICS OF LOVE

• WE LOVE BECAUSE GOD LOVES US

"Love comes from God...for God is love."

1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19 (NIV)

"We know and rely on the love God has for us."

1 John 4:16a (NIV)

• LOVE IS A CHOICE AND A COMMITMENT

"Choose to love the Lord your God... and commit yourself to him..."

Deuteronomy 30:20 (NLT)

• LOVE IS AN ACTION, NOT JUST EMOTION

"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

• LOVE IS A SKILL

"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better."

1 John 4:7 (LB)

"Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all."

1 Timothy 4:15 (TEV)

• LOVE IS A HABIT

"Continue to love each other with true Christian love."

Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)

"If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

Luke 6:32 (NIV)

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it."

2 Corinthians 13:5 (Mes)

40 Days of Love Pre-Test ASSESSING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Spouse	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Children _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Parents	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Marriage Prospects (If you'd like to marry)	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Relative _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Coworkers _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Neighbors _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great
Different/Difficult _____	1---3---5---7---9 Poor Great

Jesus: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another."

John 13:35 (KJV)

HOW TO BECOME GREAT AT RELATIONSHIPS

1. COMMIT TO GROWING
2. LEARN HOW JESUS DID IT
3. PRACTICE THE SKILLS
4. DEVELOP THE HABITS
5. TRUST GOD TO HELP

"This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more, and that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love."
Philippians 1:9 (NCV)