

# Every Physical Family Needs Open Hearts



## Introduction:

1. There is one word that can bond and grow a marital relationship and a family relationship -- that word is love.

## I. The Love of God must be Personalized (1 John 4:7-11)

### A. God's love was shown to us by:

1. The sending of His Son (1 John 4:9),
2. God gave His Son for the ungodly (Romans 5:6).
3. "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
4. "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

- B. As a follower of Christ and a believer of God's Word, you are a child of God (1 John 3:1).

## II. The Love of God must be Shown to our Families (1 John 4:12)

### A. Love in the marriage relationship:

1. The wife is to love her husband (Titus 2:4).
2. The husband is to love his wife (Ephesians 5:28).
3. Love found in the marital relationship (Proverbs 5:15-19).
4. Examples of marital love:
  - a. Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29:1-30)

### B. Love in the family relationship:

1. Love of the parents for the children (Genesis 37:4; Titus 2:4)
  - a. Children are a heritage (Psalm 137:4)
2. Love in this relationship will involve the best interests of the family:
  - a. Honor (Ephesians 6:2),
  - b. Instruction (Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Proverbs 1:8,9),
  - c. Guide and warn (1Thessalonians 2:11),
  - d. Protection (Hebrews 11:23).

## III. The Love of God will be Shown in the Life of Our Families (John 13:35)

- A. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:15)

### B. Is the love of God shown to our families:

1. In our speech? (1 Corinthians 13:5)
2. Through our actions?(1 Corinthians 13:5)
3. In our forgiveness? (1 Corinthians 13:6; Ephesians 4:32)

## Conclusion:

1. After each person realizes the love of God in their own life, do they pass that love onto their spouse, their children, or their families? (*Remember John 13:35*)