

ALLELON—Love Becomes Real

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Loving Well in a Crazy World, part 1

BIG IDEA: What makes a person rich is the quality, experience and practice of love.

1. Love is God's _____.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40 (Dt. 6:5; Lev. 19:18)

“I give you a new command: Love *one another*. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love *one another*.” **John 13:34 CSB**

HOW IS YOUR LOVE?

“because lawlessness will be on the increase, many will find their love growing cold.” **Matthew 24:12**

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2. Loving well is _____ and summed up in the “one another” passages.

“let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” **1 John 3:18 b**

Storge—family; **Eros**—erotic/sexual;

Philia—brotherly; **Agape**—sacrificial —**C.S. Lewis**

Love Be devoted Honor Live in harmony
Build up Be likeminded Accept Admonish

Greet Care for Serve Bear Forgive

Be patient Speak truth in love

Speak psalms, hymns and spiritual songs

Kind & compassionate Submit Consider better

Look to the interests Teach Comfort

Encourage Exhort Stir up Show hospitality

Employ our gifts Clothe self with humility

Pray Do not lie Stop passing judgment

Don't bite/ devour/provoke, slander or grumble

Because we're “members of one another”

ONE ANOTHER LOVE

allelon—one another, each other, mutually shared

3. One-Another Practice is the _____ of healthy community.

“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. [lit. every ligament] As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Ephesians 4:16 NLT

God's DESIGN for your growth