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# LOVE WORDS

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# EROS

- Eros is a sexual love. The root of the word erotic is eros.
- Eros is a primal and powerful fire that burns out quickly. It needs its flame to be fanned through one of the deeper forms of love as it is centered around the selfish aspects of love, that is, personal infatuation and physical pleasure.
- Eros is not sinful when it is expressed within the confines of Man/Woman marriage.

# PHILIA

- Philia (phileo) is known as brotherly love. It is the root of Philadelphia.
- This is love between two people that is not romantic or sexual. Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- The Scriptural account of David and Jonathan is an excellent illustration of phileo love: “After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. . . . And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself” (1 Samuel 18:1-3).

# STORGE

- Storge relates to natural, familial love such as the love between a parent and child. In the New Testament, the negative form of storge is used twice. Astorgos means “devoid of natural or instinctive affection, without affection to kindred.”
- Romans 1:31 describes sinful humanity as having “no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.” The Greek word translated as “no love” is astorgos. The other instance of this word is found in 2 Timothy 3:3, where it is translated “without love.” Paul warns that one mark of the “terrible times in the last days” (verse 1) is that people will lack natural love for their own families.
- In Romans 12:10 we find an interesting compound: philostorgos is translated as “be devoted.” The word combines philos and storge and means “to cherish one’s kindred.” Believers in Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, are to “be devoted to one another in love.” As part of God’s family, we should show loving affection toward each other and be prone to love. Philostorgus is used only once in the New Testament, and that’s in Romans 12:10.

# PHILAUTIA

- Philautia is love of ones self
- The Greeks understood that in order to care for others, we must first learn to care for ourselves. This form of self-love is not the unhealthy vanity and self-obsession that is focused on personal fame, gain and fortune as is the case with Narcissism.

# AGAPE

- Agape is the word used to describe God's love for humanity - you and me and everyone else
- Agape is the kind of love that is not of human origin. This love finds its origin in God. It is unconditional. God sent Jesus to die for humanity while we were still His enemies. He loved us first. He took the initiative.
- Agape love is what is expected of Christians towards all other people.

# Husband & Wife

- Any internet search for “marriage and bible” will get you to Ephesians 5:22-31
- As we have learned its very important to read the Bible not by section titles or chapters but by complete thought.
- The challenge for wives and husbands that we read in the second half of chapter 5 actually begins as a challenge to every Christian at the beginning of chapter 4.



# Husband & Wife

- Before Paul teaches us how a Godly wife and a Godly husband should act he teaches us all how we should act as Christians.
- humble, gentle, patient, bear with one another in love, keep the unity of the Spirit
- put off falsehood, don't sin in anger, no unwholesome talk, build each other up, get rid of bitterness, rage, anger, slander, malice, and brawling
- be kind, compassionate, forgive, imitate God,

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- no sexual immorality, impurity or greed
- live as wise not foolish people, speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, always giving thanks to God
- submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

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# 5 Love Languages

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# Words of Affirmation

- Proverbs 18:21 “The tongue has the power of life and death.”
- Psychologist William James said that possibly the deepest human need is the need to feel appreciated.
- Actions don't always speak louder than words. If this is your love language , unsolicited compliments mean the world to you.
- Hearing “I love you” is important but hearing the reasons why sends your spirits skyward
- Insults, sarcasm, and critical attacks can be devastating.

# Quality Time

- Nothing says “I love you” like full, undivided attention.
- “Being there” is very important to this person. Not just physically present but emotionally, attentive, and engaged.
- Distractions (TV, electronic devices, work, chores), postponed dates/plans, and failure to listen are especially hurtful.

# Receiving Gifts

- Don't mistake this love language for materialism. The receiver thrives on the love, thoughtfulness, and effort behind the gift.
- A gift is something you can hold in your hand and say, "Look, he/she was thinking of me," or, "He/She remembered me."
- The thought is truly the most important so unthoughtful, lazy, or missed/forgotten gifts are harmful.

# Acts of Service

- In this case actions do speak louder than words.
- Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities on this person will speak volumes.
- Consider actions like cooking, cleaning, running errands, maintaining the yard/house, etc as acts of service.
- It is important to remember that this service must be done in a positive loving spirit.
- Broken commitments, laziness, and creating more work are harmful to this person.

# Physical Touch

- Its all about sex - NO ITS NOT
- Physical touch is a way of communicating emotional love.
- Physical touch is also a powerful vehicle for communicating marital love. Holding hands, kissing, hugging, other thoughtful touches, and yes sexual intercourse are all ways of expressing emotional love to your spouse.
- With physical touch your emotional tank is filled and you feel secure in the love of your spouse. Without it you feel unloved and neglected.





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