

# What Is Love?

## Fixer Upper: Part 2

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*Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is perfected in us.*

1 John 4:7-12

## GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_

*"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

John 13:34

## What Is God's Model?

*[Jesus] also said: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.' So he distributed the assets to them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living.*

*"After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from the carob pods the pigs were eating, but no one would give him any. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger! I'll get up, go to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired hands.'*

*"So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*"But the father told his slaves, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let's celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'" So they began to celebrate.*

*"Now his older son was in the field; as he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he summoned one of the servants and asked what these things*

*meant. 'Your brother is here,' he told him, 'and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'*

*"Then he became angry and didn't want to go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him. But he replied to his father, 'Look, I have been slaving many years for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders, yet you never gave me a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.'*

*"'Son,' he said to him, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"*

Luke 15:11-31

1. Godly love is **NOT** just a \_\_\_\_\_

2. Godly love is **NOT** 100% \_\_\_\_\_

3. Godly love is **NOT** \_\_\_\_\_ at all costs

*But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head – Christ.*

Ephesians 4:15

4. Godly love **IS** \_\_\_\_\_

*But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! ...For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life!*

Romans 5:8, 10

5. Godly love **IS** \_\_\_\_\_

*Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus...*

Philippians 2:3-5

6. Godly love **IS** hard \_\_\_\_\_

*For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you showed for His name when you served the saints – and you continue to serve them. Now we want each of you to demonstrate the same diligence for the final realization of your hope.*

Hebrews 6:10-11