

††† SERMON NOTES †††

II Peter 1:7- Habits of Highly Effective Christians

Habit #8 - Love One Another (I John 3:11 – 18; 4:7 – 21)

1. Practice spiritual diligence (make every effort)
2. Choose the best
3. Increase my spiritual knowledge
4. Develop self-control
5. Develop perseverance (spiritual endurance)
6. Develop Godliness
7. Practice Brotherly Kindness
8. Love one another

I. ORIGIN OF LOVE - 4:7,8 Love comes from _____ - He loves you!
We tend to love each other _____ or BECAUSE. God loves us IN
_____ OF!

II. DEMONSTRATION OF LOVE - 3:16a; 4:9,10
When you say "love", think " _____ "

III. APPLICATION OF LOVE - 3:16-19

A. v. 16 - lay down our lives

To lay down your life doesn't necessarily mean "go out and die." It means "put your life down - lay it down."

B. Pity - Some translators use "heart" - the affections, pity, compassion.

What do these 2 phrases teach us about the application of love in our daily lives?

1. We show our love for God by loving _____ - 3:16
2. Our love is to be demonstrated in practical ways. 4:21
 - a) Love is not an emotion - it's an act of the _____.

Love is something you DO, not something you _____.

b) Love means to listen, really listen.

c) Love sees the person as an individual _____, not a part of a group

d) Love is giving someone what they _____, not necessarily what they WANT.

I Cor. 13 - The Message - Love never gives up. It cares more for others than for self. It doesn't want what it doesn't have. It doesn't strut. Doesn't have a swelled head. Doesn't force itself on others. Isn't always 'me first'. Doesn't fly off the handle. Doesn't keep score of the sins of others.

