

## "40 DAYS OF LOVE: LOVE MATTERS MOST"

### Introduction:

Matthew 22: 36-39 (LB) "Which is the most important command?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself."

- Life is one giant lesson with two parts.
  1. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_.

### THREE LAWS OF LOVE

#### LAW # 1. THE BEST USE OF LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 3:14 (CEV) "Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together."

- Three reasons to have love at the center of your life.
  1. Love validates my \_\_\_\_\_.

John 4:8 (NIV) "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

- The proof for really being in \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Love compensates for my \_\_\_\_\_.

I Peter 4:8 (NLT) "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."

- Two applications:
  1. The love of \_\_\_\_\_ covers my sins.

Colossians 2:14 (CEV) "God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the Law... He took them away and nailed them to the cross."

2. God gives me the \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive others.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT) "Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

- Love does not rub it \_\_\_\_\_. Love rubs it \_\_\_\_\_!

3. Love reverberates \_\_\_\_\_.

I Corinthians 13:13 (NCV) "Three things will continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love."

- Why do we struggle with relationships? Relational \_\_\_\_\_
- Love relationships \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

**LAW # 2. THE BEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

John 3:18 (GW) "We must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty words."

- The most desired gift of love: focused \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT) "Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins."

- Chuck Swindoll: \_\_\_\_\_ destroys relationships.
- The best expression of love is \_\_\_\_\_.

**LAW # 3. THE BEST TIME TO LOVE IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

Galatians 6:10 (NLT) "Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone.."

Ephesians 5: 16 (NCV) "Use every chance you have for doing good."

**CONCLUSION: HOMEWORK**

- God puts \_\_\_\_\_ people around your life.