

The Power of Love

Song of Songs 8:6,7; Romans 12:9,10

An understanding of true love has nearly been lost in modern culture. Love has become defined more by sensuality and gratification than by commitment and loyalty. This misunderstanding is a root cause of many broken relationships.

In his final description of true love, Solomon describes it in the Song of Songs as being as strong as death, like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame (8:6). In verse 7 he wrote...

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

True love is powerful, binding two people together with cords that cannot be broken. It can withstand any hardship that comes against it. However, some people try to buy love with money or possessions. But love based on such things will never stand against the "many waters" and "rivers" of life's challenges.

Paul's words in Romans 12:9,10, focus on the ingredients of a God-given love: sincerity, hatred of evil, strong commitment to the good, and devotion. With that foundation in place, love can stand up under any test.

Through faith and trust in God, any relationship can turn in a new direction as each partner acknowledges the value in the other and commits to establishing a relationship founded on true love. If this is needed in your relationship, seek the help of a counselor or pastor who can help guide you in this process from a biblical perspective. Then let God help you establish a relationship that many waters cannot quench.

How would you describe true love?

How are true love and valuing another person connected? How will your relationships be strengthened when you place the kind of value on people that God desires?