

Love Starts at Home!

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Learning to Love in the Home

1. Four characteristics of love to pursue in your home.

- a. Be patient with one another.
- b. Be kind toward one another.
- c. Protect the dignity of one another.
- d. Hold out hope for the deliverance of one another.

2. Three characteristics to put to death in your home.

- a. Do not leverage relationships to fulfill selfish ambitions.
 - i. **Remedy:** Be humble and determine to think of the needs of others more than you think of your own.
- b. Avoid being quick tempered.
 - i. **Remedy:** Communicate about issues so that anger doesn't build and become an evil weapon.
- c. Do not hold what is forgiven against another.
 - i. **Remedy:** Remind yourself that love covers a multitude of sins.

Questions

1. Why is showing love at home one of the hardest places for most people? Why is it the best place for believers to pursue love?
2. Out of the four characteristics of love we should pursue in the home, which one stands out to you and why?
3. Out of the three negative characteristics that describe what love is not, which one stands out to you and why?
4. What is a way that you feel you need to respond as a result of the message this morning?
5. Read 1 Cor. 13:4-7 and ask God to help you actions align with these characteristics as you interact with those in your own family.

Next Steps: May Reading Plan (Week 4)

Day One: Zech. 1:1-6

Day Two: Ezra 7-8

Day Three: Ezra 9-10

Day Four: Esther 1-2

Day Five: Esther 3-4

Bless Every Home

Challenge:

- Sign up to be a light.
- Prayer for your neighbors.
- Think about how you can build a relationship with your neighbors.
- Act

May Scripture Memory:

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

-Col. 4:2-6 (ESV)

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?