

Equipped to Love Norm Wakefield

Intro: Love is the ...

1. Greatest Commandment. Matt. 22:36-40
2. Greatest Gift. 1 Cor. 13:1-3
3. Greatest Power. 1 Cor. 13:7-8
4. Greatest Proof. 1 Jo. 4:7-8
5. Greatest Counterfeit: Idolatry

Four Insights into Experiencing and Expressing God's Love

1. Distinguish between the world's kind of love and God's kind of love.

1. World's kind of love –
2. God's kind of love –

2. Learn the Love Principle: You can't love anyone you idolize.

1. Idolatry: Looking to someone, something, some idea to supply what only God can supply.
2. If you are having a hard time loving someone then there is _____.

3. Learn the 7 characteristics of idolatry. Gal. 5:14

1. You'll have another god. Deut. 5:7
2. You'll manipulate and control. Deut. 5:8
 - i. Positive carving tools.
 - ii. Negative carving tools. Col. 3:1-9
3. It's all about you. Deut. 5:8
4. Your god is from creation. Deut. 5:8
5. You'll worship many gods. Deut. 5:9
6. You'll reproduce it. Deut. 5:9
7. You'll hate God and others. Deut. 5:9

4. Knowing and abiding in God's Love is the source of love for others.

1. You can't experience God's love and abide in it if you are idolizing others or something else. 1 Jo. 4:16
2. To know God's love you must repent of idolizing anything, anyone and turn to God as your God.
3. True love flows out of an intimate, trusting relationship with Jesus. 1 Jo. 4:7-8, 13

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