

REAL LOVE: THE JEWEL OF THE EMOTIONS

series: **Emotions: God's Energizers**

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Love has always been one of the greatest measurements of true Christianity. As with all the emotions, it was created by God with a purpose. Today we'll look at that purpose and some of the hindrances we face in fulfilling God's desire for love in our life.

THE DEFINITION: (1 Jn. 4:7-8; 1 Jn. 3:16; Jn. 3:16; Jer. 31:3; Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:8)

"Love is recognizing the V_____ God places on a person and then it is acting upon that with S_____ - S_____ S_____ and God-ordained F_____."

THE DEMAND: (Mark 12:30-33)

1. His E_____ (1 Jn. 4:19)
2. His P_____ (Rm. 5:5)
3. His I_____ (1 Thess. 4:9-10)

THE DIFFICULTIES:

1. S_____ stifles love (2 Cor. 8:1-5)
2. D_____ stifles love (Mt. 24:12)
3. F_____ stifles love (2 Tim. 1:7; Lk. 7:47)
4. Lack of F_____ stifles love (Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 4:8)
5. C_____ L_____ stifles love (Lk. 6:31-35)
6. P_____ stifles love (Phil. 2:2-4)

THE DECISIONS:

1. E_____ (Ps. 139:23-24)
2. C_____ (Rom. 12:9)
3. C_____ (1 Pet. 1:22-23)

THE DESIRE: (Eph. 3:14-21)