

AN AGAPE LOVER

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1. It must be understood that agápē love is not generated from emotions. Love is an action; one that does what is best for another in light of Scripture.
2. We might say that agápē love is caring enough about someone to get busy and do something to demonstrate your love!
 - a. That is what God did:
 - i. **1 John 3:16**
 - ii. **1 John 4:9-10**
 - iii. **Romans 5:6-10**
 - iv. **John 3:16**
 - b. This is what those who wish to please God must do:
 - i. **Genesis 45:1-15**
 - ii. **Ruth 1:1-18**
 - iii. **1 Samuel 20:1-15 w/ 2 Samuel 9:1-13**
 - iv. **1 Kings 18:1-4**
3. God demonstrated his love for us; how might we show our love for Him?
 - a. We can demonstrate our love for God by obeying His commands:
 - i. **John 14:15**
 - ii. **John 14:21**
 - iii. **Joshua 22:1-5**
 - b. We can demonstrate our love for God by hating evil:
 - i. **Psalms 97:10**
 - ii. **Romans 12:9**
 - iii. **Psalms 119:104**
 - c. We can demonstrate our love for God by worshipping Him:
 - i. **John 4:24**
 - ii. **Hebrews 10:25**
 - d. We can demonstrate our love to God by giving liberally
 - i. **2 Corinthians 8:1-9**
 - ii. **2 Corinthians 9:6**
 - iii. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

4. What might be some ways in which one can demonstrate his or her agápē love for another person?
- a. One way to show a faithful brother or sister we love them is by meeting a material need he/she may have (**1 John 3:17-18**).
 - b. We can show people we love them by sharing the good news with them (**Luke 19:10**).
 - c. We can show people we love them by not exercising our liberties in front of them:
 - i. **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**
 - ii. **1 Corinthians 9:1-12; 18-27**
 - iii. **1 Corinthians 10:23-33**
 - iv. **Romans 14:15**
 - d. We can show people we love them by not binding on them our scruples.
 - i. It is just as wrong to bind what God has not bound as to loose what God has not loosed (**Matthew 16:19**).
 - ii. To bind where God has given freedom is to participate in doctrines of devils (**1 Timothy 4:1-5**).
 - e. We can demonstrate our love to those outside the body by being kind to them and helping them physically on an individual basis (**Matthew 5:42-48**).
 - f. We can demonstrate our love toward our children by disciplining them and raising them right:
 - i. **Hebrews 12:5-11**
 - ii. **Proverbs 13:24**
 - iii. **Proverbs 3:12**
 - iv. **Proverbs 19:18**
 - v. **Proverbs 22:6, 15**
 - vi. **Proverbs 23:12-14**
 - vii. **Proverbs 29:15**
 - viii. **Ephesians 6:4**
 - g. Children can demonstrate they love their parents by heeding the instruction they give:
 - i. **Proverbs 30:17**
 - ii. **Proverbs 20:20**
 - iii. **Ephesians 6:1-3**

h. We demonstrate love for our parents by taking care of them when they are old:

- i. **1 Timothy 5:4**
- ii. **1 Timothy 5:8**
- iii. **Proverbs 23:22**
- iv. **Proverbs 28:24**

i. We can show our love to elders by submitting to them- if they are true elders:

- i. **Hebrews 13:17**
- ii. **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**

5. I am sure you can think of other ways in which we can demonstrate the agápē love we are to have for others.

6. Are you loving others for real or are you out of duty?