

Love – Week number 6 – Different Types Of Love

Connect and review	Notes
<p>Brief recap on last week. Sharing about personal reflections on last week's suggested activities, namely, 'Identify 2 or 3 qualities of love found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a and then find ways to show these in the coming week.'</p>	
Inspire and engage	
<p>People love uniquely, i.e., love comes in a variety of ways. The American psychologist, Dr. Sternberg, argues that love is a triangle made up of: (i) intimacy; (ii) passion; & (iii) decision/commitment. This week we will look at how Greek society understood love and how this is reflected in the Bible [<i>remember the New Testament was written in Greek</i>]. According to the Greeks only 8 types of love existed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family love – STORGE [<i>stor-jay</i>], e.g., the unconditional loving bond between parent and child. See Deuteronomy 6:6. 2. Marital love – EROS [<i>air-ohs</i>], commonly associated with romantic, passionate love, especially new relationships. See Ephesians 5:28. 3. Unselfish universal love – AGAPE [<i>ug-gah-pay</i>], based on empathy [= <i>compassion, understanding and sharing another's feelings</i>], not feelings. See 1 Peter 4:8. 4. Brotherly love – PHILEO/PHILIA [<i>fill-eh-oh</i>], i.e., intimate, authentic friendship, e.g., David & Jonathan. See Ephesians 4:32. 5. Obsessive love – MANIA, where a person is "addicted" to another. 6. Enduring love – PRAGMA, committed, companionate love. See Psalms 136:1+2. 7. Playful, flirtatious love – LUDUS. See King Solomon and his maiden in the Song Of Solomon. <p>Self-love – PHILAUTIA, before loving anyone else we need to learn to love ourselves.</p>	
Explore and apply	
<p>Explore</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David's attitude towards his sons: see, e.g., 2 Samuel 3:2-5; 13:1+14+21; 18:14+33. 2. How easy is it to always do what is right in God's sight, while at the same time showing STORGE or PHILEO to another who is close to you? <p>Apply</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What examples can you find of PRAGMA in the Bible? 	
Reflect and review	
<p><i>Personal reflection:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has your love for another ever veered towards MANIA, and if so how did you handle the situation. <p><i>Suggested activity:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider prayerfully how much you demonstrate PHILAUTIA. 	