

## Mis-Directed Love - Sunday PM 01/07/18

### Introduction:

Love is a powerful word because it is a powerful emotion, desire, feeling, and concept. We understand there are different types and layers to love.

#### I) The Bible has a lot to say about love.

A) It defines it. *1 Cor. 13:1-8.*

B) It teaches and encourages us to love. Even our obligation to love.

1. God. *Mt. 22:37.*
2. Our neighbor. *Mt. 22:39.*
3. Our brethren. *1 Pet. 1:22; 2:17.*
4. The Truth. *2 Thess. 2:10.*
5. Our enemies.

C) We should be rooted and grounded in love. *Eph. 3:17.*

D) Without love in our lives, we are nothing. *1 Cor. 13:1, 2.*

#### II) Things We Are Not To Love

A) Love Of The World.

1. See *1 John 2:15.* (This does not mean an appreciation for nature, etc.)
2. The world here, means those things which would alienate us from God.
3. Demus “loved the world” and forsook Paul and his mission. *2 Tim. 4:10.*

4. The love of the world has to do with “lust of the flesh, eye, and pride of life.” *1 John 2:16*.
5. Love for the world will crowd out love for God.

**B) Love Of Money.**

1. See *1 Tim. 6:10*. (This love will cause one to err from the faith and experience sorrow).
2. Bible contains examples of what the love of money and wealth will do.
  - a. *2 Kings 5:20-27*. (Gehazi)
  - b. *Mt. 19:16-22*. (Rich, young Ruler)

**C) Love Of Self.**

1. See *2 Tim. 3:2*.
2. Simon the sorcerer in *Acts 8:9-10*. (Gave out that he was some great one) is an example of one who loved himself.
3. *Rom. 12:3* warns against “thinking too highly of self”.

**D) Love Of Pleasure.**

1. See *2 Tim. 3:4*.
2. Examples:
  - a. Prodigal, *Luke 15:11-13*.
  - b. Young widows of *1 Tim. 5:6*.
  - c. Moses forsook the pleasures of Egypt. *Heb. 11:24, 25*.
3. This is not said to discourage the reasonable love for hobby, recreation, etc., but is said to warn against

bowing before the altar of pleasure to your own spiritual harm.

**E) Love Of Preeminence.**

1. See *3 John 9, 10*. (Some think he was an elder, but any one can fall prey to this sin.
2. The Pharisees "loved the chief seats in the synagogue". *Mt. 23:6*.

**F) Love For Relatives.**

1. See *Luke 14:26*. (This is more love for relative than for Jesus).
2. Some have not obeyed the Lord because of love and loyalty to relatives. This kind of love is dangerous to one's spiritual health.

**G) Love Of Praise Of Men.**

1. When this love is present and is the ruling motive, we lose the reward of God for doing even the right things. See *Mt. 6:1-6*.
2. Whose approval do you seek, God's or man's?

**CONCLUSION.**

What you love can determine your eternal destiny. Love God and keep his commandments. Love the truth and obey it.