

The Truth Files

Love in a World of Brokenness

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THE FRUIT IS OUT THERE

“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

Galatians 5:22-23 ^{NLT}

“Creation has been subjected to frustration not by its own choice. The one who subjected it to frustration did so in the hope that it would also be set free from slavery to decay in order to share the glorious freedom that the children of God will have. All creation has been groaning with the pains of childbirth up to the present time.” Romans 8:20-22 ^(GW)

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16 ^(NIV)

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit. For apart from me you can't do a thing.” John 15:5 ^(TLB)

1. What is love?

Popular Misconceptions:

1. Love is _____.

2. Love is _____.

What God says:

1. Love _____.

Colossians 3:14 ^(NKJV) – “Above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

2. Love is _____.

1 John 3:18 ^(GNT) – “Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.”

2. How does love act?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ^(GW) – “Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn't jealous. It doesn't sing its own praises. It isn't arrogant. It isn't rude. It doesn't think about itself. It isn't irritable. It doesn't keep track of wrongs. It isn't happy when injustice is done, but it is happy with the truth. Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up. Love never comes to an end.”

1. **“Love is patient.”**

Love is alive when it _____

Love is dying when it _____.

Love is dead when it _____.

Ephesians 4:2 ^(NLT) – “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.”

2. **“Love is kind.”**

Love is alive when it _____

Love is dying when it _____.

Love is dead when it _____.

Ephesians 4:32 ^(NLT) – “Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

3. **“Love isn't jealous. It doesn't sing its own praises. It isn't arrogant.”**

Love is alive when it _____

Love is dying when it _____.

Love is dead when it _____.

James 3:16 ^(MSG) – “Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.”

4. **“It isn't rude. It doesn't think about itself. It isn't irritable. It doesn't keep track of wrongs.”**

Love is alive when it _____

Love is dying when it _____.

Love is dead when it _____.

Philippians 2:3 ^(GNT) – “Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves.”

5. **“Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up. Love never comes to an end.”**

Love is alive when it _____

Love is dying when it _____.

Love is dead when it _____.

1 Peter 4:8 ^(TLB) – “Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many of your faults.”

1 Corinthians 16:14 ^(NLT) – “Do everything with love.”

3. Ask yourself:

How do I keep a love alive?

How do I handle a love that is dying?

What do I do with a love that has died?

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