

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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Things that we wish for...winter – I wish it were warmer, summer – I wish it were cooler, raining – wish it weren't so muddy, drought – sure wish it would rain

God has wishes for your life. God wishes you were ... here

Philippians 1:9-11 ***9And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.***

Love for God, each other ...

Luke 10:25-37 ***25On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*** or in other words, "what could I do that would be so great, God would notice...A good trial lawyer never asks a question he does not already know the answer

26"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" Jesus turns it back on him ... you know the law

27He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Then Jesus said now go and do it and tells the Good Samaritan story.

More love = better relationships

How does love grow ?

Knowledge – loving a person you know is difficult, loving someone you know nothing about is impossible.

Depth of Insight – only time this word is used in the NT, it is the How of the what we are supposed to do, in loving God and loving each other.

"Love Languages" by Gary Chapman, 1995 (made in God's image so these work for God and other people)

How to relate to a person with this love language...	COMMUNICATION	ACTION	WHAT TO AVOID
Words of Affirmation	Compliments Affirmations Kind words	Send notes or cards	Criticism
Quality Time	One-on-One time Not interrupting Face-to-face Conversation	Take long walks together Do things together Take trips	Long periods of being apart More time with friends than with partner
Receiving Gifts	Positive, fact-oriented information	Give gifts on special occasions and also on not so special occasions	Forgetting special days
Acts of Service	Action words like "I can"... "I will".... "What else can I do"	Helping with house and yard chores Repair maintenance Acts of kindness	Ignoring partner's requests while helping others
Physical Touch	A lot of non-verbal. Verbal needs to be "word pictures"	Touches Hugs Pats Kisses	Physical neglect or abuse

How Love Languages apply to God in the Bible

Words of Affirmation: ***Psalm 22:3 God inhabits the praise of his people***

Quality Time: ***Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.***

Gifts: ***Micah 6:6-8 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted god? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And***

what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Acts of Service: ***Matthew 25:45*** ***“The King will reply, ‘Truly I will tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’***

Touch: Jesus could speak healing, but he overwhelmingly chose to touch people

10 so that you may be able to discern what is best

There are lots of good things to do with your life, but there is also a best.

and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Purity always brings clarity, “the pure in hearts shall see God”

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness (RIGHT LIVING) that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

What does God wish for you