

## LOVE, THE BOND OF PERFECTNESS

Col 3:12-14

- I. NEED FOR BONDING TOGETHER.
  - A. Get as many friends as possible; keep as many as possible.
  - B. No man or woman an island to self.
  
- II. SERVING ONE ANOTHER.
  
- III. PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR SERVICE: LOVE.
  
- IV. LOVE IS:
  - A. Willingness to lay down life.
    - 1. Self-sacrifice.
    - 2. Preferring one above another; not selfish or self-centered.
  - B. Giving--asking nothing in return; not what I can get out of this deal.
  - C. Unconditional.
  - D. understanding.
  - E. Forgiving.
  - F. Is not a sense of duty. "That's what is expected of me."
  - G. Knowing a person's weakness and still loving them.
  
- V. LOVE IS A COMMITMENT.
  
- VI. LOVE IN MARRIAGE.
  - A. Love at first sight?
  - B. Don't confuse love with lust.
  - C. What are our common goals? Should center around the will of God.
  - D. Love should satisfy needs.
    - 1. Physical.
      - a. to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife.
      - b. Abstain not except by consent--for fasting and praying.
      - c. Marriage is honorable; bed undefiled.
    - 2. Emotional.
      - a. Security.
      - b. self worth.
    - 3. Spiritual.
      - a. God has designed spiritual bond.
      - b. Bond of agreement.
  
- VII. ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.
  - A. Trial marriages.
  - B. Live-in arrangement.

VIII. Home is environment for development. Proper parental guidance.