

# The greatest attitude

- Session 39 of ?
- MEN to MEN Ministries
- A Bible Study about a letter written to the Church in Rome
  - Romans 12:9-21 the Beatitudes of Romans

# LOVE is

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Reflection exercise: One word to define love.  
Explain your choice in one breath.



## **Four words for Love in the Bible**

- EROS • Erotic, sexual, romantic
- STORGI • Natural affection
- PHILIOS • Devotion to friends
- AGAPE • Pure, perfect, selfless

# Compliance Vs Benevolence

- **Love of compliance**

It meets my requirements to make me feel good, qualities sufficient to meet expectations

I will love my country as long as there is a Republican as President

I will love my dog as long as it does not vomit on the new rug

I will love God as long as all else is good.

- **Love of benevolence**

A decision to give preference, or actions based on my goodness.

I will love because there is a need to express a belief

I will love because it is my want to be good within myself.

# God of Benevolence

- Romans 5:6-8. Benevolence based upon demonstration
- John 15:13. Benevolence based upon the price paid
- John 3:16. Benevolence based upon how positive the effect
- John 15:11-31 Benevolence based upon a willingness to do good.

- 9 Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good.**
- 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor,**
- 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;**
- 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,**
- 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.**
- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.**
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.**
- 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.**
- 17 Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people.**
- 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.**
- 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.**
- 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."**
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

# What is our attitude toward others?

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1. An **affectionate** love – (Romans 12:10)
2. A **respectful** love (Romans 12:10b)
3. A **liberal** love (Romans 12:13)
4. A **sympathizing** love (Romans 12:15)
5. A **united** love (Romans 12:16a)
6. A **humble** love (Romans 12:16)
7. An **engaging** Love (Romans 12:9,14,17,18, 19, 20)