

LOVE

"The more connections you and your lover make, not just between your bodies, but between your minds, your hearts, and your souls, the more you will strengthen the fabric of your relationship, and the more real moments you will experience together."

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"My first thoughts are that I should not let people down, that I should support them and love them." [Princess Diana](#)

"If you love me, let me know. If not, please gently let me go." [Source Unknown](#)

"To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic." [Alphonse Lamartine](#)

"Love is the only gold." [Lord Alfred Tennyson](#)

"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it." [Martin Luther King](#)

"Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place." [Zora Hurston](#)

"Paradise is always where love dwells." [Jean Richter](#)

"Love is smiling on the inside and out." [Jennifer Williams](#)

The heart in which love rules will not be filled with passion or revenge, by injuries which pride and self-love would deem unbearable. 5T 168, 169

[Love is](#) the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. {RH, January 8, 1895 par. 9}

Love is an active principle; it keeps the good of others continually before us, thus restraining us from inconsiderate actions. {5T 123.2}

When combined with earthly motives and selfish interests, it ceases to be pure. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore [love is](#) the fulfilling of the law . Romans 13:10

[Love is](#) the silken cord that binds hearts together. {RH, April 5, 1887 par. 7}

Pure love is simple in its operations, and is distinct from any other principle of action. {GW92 312.2}

Wherever the power of intellect, of authority, of force, is employed, and love is not manifestly present, the affections and will of those whom we seek to reach, assume a defensive, repelling position, and increase their strength of resistance as they are met by another power than love. {2T 135.2}

Love is of God. The unconverted heart cannot originate nor produce this plant of heavenly growth, which lives alone, and flourishes only where Christ reigns.
{PH097 37.1}

Love is the underlying principle of God's government in heaven and earth, and it must be the foundation of the Christian's character. This alone can make and keep him steadfast. This alone can enable him to withstand trial and temptation. {COL 49.1}

The heart yearns for human love, but this love is not strong enough, or pure enough, or precious enough to supply the place of the love of Jesus. {5T 362.3}

A house with love in it, where love is expressed in words and looks and deeds, is a place where angels love to manifest their presence and hallow the scene by rays of light from glory. {2T 417.2}

From a worldly point of view, money is power; but from the Christian standpoint, love is power. Intellectual and spiritual strength are involved in this principle. {4T 138.3}

Pure love has special efficacy to do good, and can do nothing but good. {4T 138.3}

It is not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is done, the motive underlying the action, that determines its worth. {5T 279.2}

Christian love is slow to censure, quick to discern penitence, ready to forgive, to encourage, to set the wanderer in the path of holiness, and to stay his feet therein.
{DA 462.4}

Love cannot live without action, and every act increases, strengthens, and extends it.
{2T 135.2}

The love of God is something more than a mere negation; it is a positive and active principle, a living spring, ever flowing to bless others. If the love of Christ dwells in us, we shall not only cherish no hatred toward our fellows, but we shall seek in every way to manifest love toward them. {MB 58.1}

True love is a high and holy principle, altogether different in character from that love which is awakened by impulse and which suddenly dies when severely tested.
{PP 176.3}

In the heart renewed by divine grace, love is the principle of action. It modifies the character, governs the impulses, controls the passions, subdues enmity, and ennoble the affections. This love, cherished in the soul, sweetens the life and sheds a refining influence on all around. {SC 59.3}

Our love is frequently selfish, for we confine it to prescribed limits. When we come into close union and fellowship with Christ, our love and sympathy and our works of benevolence will reach down deeper and will widen and strengthen with exercise.
{3T 529.2}

When love fills the heart, it will flow out to others, not because of favors received from them, but because love is the principle of action. Love modifies the character, governs the impulses, subdues enmity, and ennobles the affections. {MB 38.1}

Love is not simply an impulse, a transitory emotion, dependent upon circumstances; it is a living principle, a permanent power. {5BC 1140.3}

The power of wealth has a tendency to corrupt and destroy; the power of force is strong to do hurt; but the excellence and value of pure love consist in its efficiency to do good, and to do nothing else than good. {2T 135.1}

Human love may change, but Christ's love knows no change. {MH 72.3}

The love that suffers long and is kind will not magnify an indiscretion into an unpardonable offense, neither will it make capital of others' misdoings. {CT 267.2}

The love that gives kindness to only a few is not love, but selfishness. {COL 352.4}

True, heaven-born love is not selfish and changeable. It is not dependent on human praise. {COL 101.3}

Only the love that flows from the heart of Christ can heal. Only he in whom that love flows, even as the sap in the tree or the blood in the body, can restore the wounded soul. {Ed 113.2}

Whatever is done from love, however small it may appear in the estimation of men, is accepted and rewarded of God. {GC 487.2}

A home where love dwells and where it finds expression in looks, in words, in acts, is a place where angels delight to dwell. {CT 115.1}

Love is a plant of heavenly origin, and if we would have it flourish in our hearts, we must cultivate it daily. Mildness, gentleness, long-suffering, not being easily provoked, bearing all things, enduring all things--these are the fruits upon the precious tree of love (RH June 5, 1888). {6BC 1091,1092}

The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. {DA 22.1}

Love to God, zeal for His glory, was the controlling power in our Saviour's life. Love beautified and ennobled all His actions. {SC 59.3}

The love of God in the heart is the only spring of love toward our neighbor. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Beloved, "if we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us." 1 John 4:20, 12. {DA 505.1}

He whose heart is imbued with love is filled with sorrow at the errors and weaknesses of others; but when truth triumphs, when the cloud that darkened the fair fame of another is removed, or when sins are confessed and wrongs corrected, he rejoices. {5T 169.1}

Love can no more exist without revealing itself in outward acts than fire can be kept alive without fuel. {1T 695.1}

Love cannot long exist without expression. {MH 360.1}

Christ came to the world with the accumulated love of eternity. {Ed 76.3}

The Saviour's heart overflowed with love. {GC 570.2}

True love for God carries with it true, reverential trust.

The desire for love and sympathy is implanted in the heart by God Himself. {AA 491.2}

True love is not a strong, fiery, impetuous passion. On the contrary, it is calm and deep in its nature. It looks beyond mere externals and is attracted by qualities alone. It is wise and discriminating, and its devotion is real and abiding. {2T 133.2}

The person who cultivates the precious plant of love will be self-denying in spirit, and will not yield self-control even under provocation. He will not impute wrong motives and evil intentions to others, but will feel deeply over sin when discovered in any of the disciples of Christ. {5T 123.1}

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Love seeks not its own. It will not prompt men to seek their own ease and indulgence of self. It is the respect we render to I that so often hinders the growth of love. {5T 123.2}

Hearts that are filled with the love of Christ can never get very far apart. {5T 335.2}

Love imparts to its possessor grace, propriety, and comeliness of deportment. It illuminates the countenance and subdues the voice; it refines and elevates the entire being. {GW 123.3}

Love to God purifies and ennobles every taste and desire, intensifies every affection, and brightens every worthy pleasure. It enables men to appreciate and enjoy all that is true, and good, and beautiful. {CT 53.3}

Love, the basis of creation and of redemption, is the basis of true education. {Ed 16.1}

Justice has a twin sister that should ever stand by her side, which is Mercy and Love. {3BC 1149.8}

True love is a plant that needs culture. {FE 105.1}

God desires from all His creatures the service of love--service that springs from an appreciation of His character. {PP 34.3}