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You win!

Your rich uncle suddenly passed away and you just inherited \$1,000,000,000. However his settlement says that to get it you have to give away \$100,000. How do you decide who to give it to?

Can God make choices? Did He choose to love and value you?

Different Types of Love

1. Affection (Storage) - a love based on fondness through familiarity, like brotherly love.
2. Friendship (Philia) - a love between friends or family sharing common interests or activities.
3. Romantic (Eros) - a love with physical and emotional components like a husband and wife.
4. Unconditional (Agape) - a selfless love that doesn't depend on circumstances or conditions, like God's love for us.



God's Word

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so

that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NLT)

"Teacher, which one is the greatest of the Laws?" Jesus said to him, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest of the Laws. The second is like it, 'You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.' All the Laws and the writings of the early preachers depend on these two most important Laws." (Matthew 22:36-40 NIV)

Do Not Love the World

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2:15-17 NKJV)



Let's Talk

Read 2 Samuel 11 with King David and Bathsheba.

What is lust?

What does it do to your thinking?

Why doesn't God want us to lust after people or things?

What is the difference between lust and love?

Let's Pray

Dear Lord,

Thank you for showing us what love is and what love isn't. Guide us here, and let us wait for your best for us, in Jesus Name.

The Way of Love

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head,

Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first,"

Doesn't fly off the handle,

Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,

Doesn't revel when others grovel,

Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,

Puts up with anything,

Trusted God always, Always looks for the best,

Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.

Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled." (1 Corinthians 13:1-10 MSG)