



Showing Genuine Affection

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on showing genuine affection. People are starving for attention. People are dying to be noticed. The Bible teaches us that we are supposed to be genuine Christian examples, and that our Christian love should draw other people to God. The early church was well-known for showing affection (**Romans 16:16, I Corinthians 16:20, II Corinthians 13:12, and I Thessalonians 5:26**). Why? Because they wanted to be like Jesus (**Philippians 2:1-5**)! Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Source of Affection

- A. God personifies love (**I John 4:8, 16**).
- B. God loved us first (**I John 4:19**).
- C. God gave His Son for us (**I John 3:16, 4:9-10**).
- D. God knows that love affects our relationships (**I John 3:15, 4:20**).

II. The Sentiment of Affection

- A. Individuals must have this component in their life (**Mark 12:31**).
- B. Couples must have this component in their marriage (**Song of Solomon**).
- C. Families must have this component in their homes (**Ephesians 5:21-6:4**).
- D. Churches must have this component in their church family (**I Corinthians 13**).

III. The Satisfaction of Affection

- A. We should reflect love in the world (**I John 4:7**).
- B. We should watch fears melt away (**I John 4:18-19, 5:3**).
- C. We should want to give to others freely (**I John 3:17, 4:11**).
- D. We should lay down our lives for others (**I John 3:16**).

Conclusion: When you see your family ministering to you and showing genuine love it should compel you to show it right back! There are too many hard hearts and dry eyes in the kingdom today. More of us should be volunteering to work and serve in God's kingdom. We need to show God's love to every creature on earth! Why don't you start with your family? Where are you in your Christian walk? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? How is your relationship with the Heavenly Father? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!