

Assessing your relationships:

God: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
Bad Great

Yourself: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
Bad Great

Friends: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
Bad Great

Spouse: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
Bad Great

Children: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
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Parents: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
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Neighbors: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
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Co-workers: 1-----3-----5-----7-----9
Bad Great

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**Please feel free to come down to the front
for prayer after service.**

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

"The Great III" Faith – Hope – Love

Love: The Most Excellent Way

"In this life we have three great lasting qualities - faith, hope and love..."
1 Corinthians 13:13 (JB Phillips)

Faith will be replaced by sight.

Hope will become reality.

Love will culminate all.

"...And now I will show you the most excellent way."

1 Corinthians 12:31(NIV)

To follow the most excellent way ...

I. I will not view love as a feeling but a choice.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

The Four loves:

<u>Eros</u> :	Romantic
<u>Storge</u> :	Affection
<u>Phileo</u> :	Companionship
<u>Agape</u> :	God like, Servant, sacrificial, unconditional love

"...God is love" (Agape) 1 John 4:8 (NIV)

II. I will obey the command to love.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34 (NIV)

"If you love me, you will obey what I command."

John 14:15 (NIV)

- It marks the Christian

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35 (NIV)

- It is the mark of real spiritual growth & maturity

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

1 John 4:12 (NIV)

III. I will accept my calling to love.

"Let love be your highest goal..."

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

"Do everything in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10-11 (NIV)

