

Quick Review

Love verse in the Bible:

**I Corinthians 16:14; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:2-4; I Thessalonians 4:9-10;
I John 2:9-11; I Corinthians 13; John 3:34-35; John 15:12-13, 17; Romans 12:9-10;
I Peter 1:22; I Peter 4:8; I John 4:16, 21; Colossians 3:12-17**

Love pursues the heart of God.

Love puts others first...it is sacrificial.

All relationships end in one of two ways...you break up or you get married. In middle school, we recommend avoiding both.

For future reference & for those that won't be so easily convinced...things to consider for when you decide to start dating...

You don't "fall in love"...love is a CHOICE

Many will say otherwise, but don't believe it!

- This isn't to ignore brain chemistry & such, but to say there's more.
- Love lasts. That feeling doesn't.
- Love stays true for the long haul.
- "irresistible pull"...lassoes you in...that's not all there is.

You don't "play with love"...love is a TREASURE

Many people tell us that you can drop people and pick people as you choose...but this is such a self-centered version of love I wouldn't even call it love. It's love of self...lust of others.

- self-verse vs sacrificial love
- value the people you love (identity)

You don't "use love"...love is a PRIVILEGE

Many people have used love as a ploy for manipulating others to doing what they want. But this is not how we ought to treat love. What a gift that God has given us! Hold it in the highest regard!

- manipulation

Colossians 3:1-4

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

- Christ as a filter (not as a block/wall).
- like 3D glasses...watch without & get a headache, watch with and the movie comes alive in a whole new way. Go through life without Christ & experience brokenness. Surrender to Christ & experience life in a whole new way.

-we want to filter our relationships through the lens of Christ who knows what's best for us and has our best in mind.