

## **Lesson 1**

### **Series A**

# **We're In Love!**

It's easy to say "I love you." But is it really true?

**1. Ammon told his friend, "I love Tamar." But this was not true love. Why?**

Read **2 Samuel 13:10-15**, then say if each of these statements is True (T) or False (F).

- He would not listen to her voice of reason.
- He forced her to have sex with him.
- Then he hated her and drove her away!

**2. If it was not love, what was it?**

**1 John 2:16.** "For all that is in the world—the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world."

**3. Lust focuses on the physical figure and the sex appeal. What is the focus of love?**

**1 Samuel 16:7.** "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the \_\_\_\_\_."

Love examines the person's lifestyle, habits and character.

**4. Lust is selfish and self-centered. But love is self-sacrificing.**

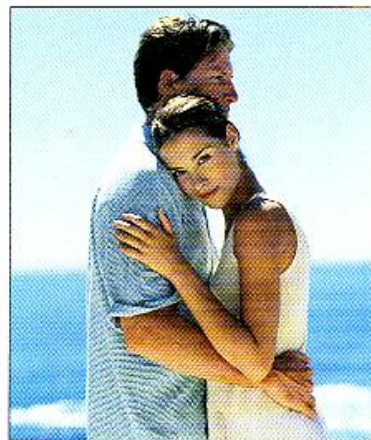
**What does the "love chapter" say?**

**1 Corinthians 13:4, 5.** "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own."

**5. Satan is the source of lust. Who is the Source of love?**

**1 John 4:8.** "He who does not love does not know God, for \_\_\_\_\_ is love."

All true love comes from God! Whether it be boyfriend or girlfriend, husband and wife, parent and child, true love comes from God, and is comfortable in the presence of God.



**6. Not only is God the Source of love, He is also the best Example of love. What example has He given?**

**1 John 4:10.** "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation of our sins."

**7. How did Jesus show His great love for you and me?**

**John 19:17, 18.** "He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

**8. Describe some of the sufferings of Jesus. True (T) or False (F)**

- He was whipped twice: 39 lashes each time.
- His hands and feet were pierced with cruel spikes.
- The terror of sin seemed to separate Him from His Father's presence.

Why did He suffer such agony? Because of His great love for me! He took my eternal death so that I can have His eternal life!

**9. Because He loves me truly, He gave His life for me. If I love Him truly, what will I do for Him.**

**Romans 12:1.** I will present my body as a "living \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable to God," which is my reasonable service."

**10. My Response**

- I reject lust. I choose to love.
- I am very thankful to Jesus for dying for me.
- Since Christ gave His life for me, I have decided to give my life fully to Him.

**Check your answers:** 1. T, T, T; 2. lust; 3. heart; 5. God; 7. crucified; 8. T, T, T; 9. sacrifice.

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