

## “Your Wife Knows You Love Her”

Series: *Five Lies from the Devil*

(Part 1 of 5)

**Discussion Starter:** At what point in a relationship does a person know they are truly in love? At what point might the other person know?

**Explore:** Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Love can be a difficult word to define, but the Bible gives us an incredibly clear picture of what love should look like in 1 Corinthians 13. This passage is often quoted in weddings and is considered the premier love chapter of the Bible.

1. What spiritual gifts and selfless acts did Paul mention would be worthless if done without love (vs. 1-3)? Does anything on this list surprise you?
2. Compare and contrast what our culture tells us about love with what the Bible says about love (vs. 4-7). Which “love” characteristic would you like to see more of in your own life?
3. According to Paul, love never fails – If that is the case, why do you believe so many marriages end in divorce (vs. 8)?

**Reflect:** Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. A romantic evening for you would include: a) dressing up and hitting the town, b) a picnic in the park, c) no kids and a DVD, or d) Michael Buble in concert.
2. What is one thing you don’t understand / or will never understand about the opposite sex (this is just for fun)? Why do you think God put the burden of responsibility on men to live with their wives in an “understanding” way?
3. Summarize the five different love languages mentioned in the lesson. What can someone do to figure out another person’s love language? What do you believe to be your personal love language?
4. Whether you are married or not, love must still be visible through action. When is it most difficult for you to express love toward others?
5. Choosing to love others is more than just an annual card or box of chocolates. Why is it important to express love daily to your spouse? ...to your children? ...to your neighbors?

**Live:**

As a group: Sub-group into gender friendly groups for this question. Are there any emotional barriers that may be keeping you from expressing love to your spouse (or anyone else) today? Explain. Pray for healing in any marriage that may be struggling.

On your own: For the remainder of the month – choose to show love to someone every day (it could be a spouse, parent, child, or co-worker).

## Listening Guide Notes

“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” –**John 8:44b (NIV)**

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” –**John 10:10 (NIV)**

### Making love known...

1. Figure it out...

“You husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way...”  
–**1 Peter 3:7 (NCV)**

Understanding = *to live together according to knowledge*

**The Five Love Languages**, by Gary Chapman

- 1) Words of Affirmation
- 2) Quality Time
- 3) Receiving Gifts
- 4) Acts of Services
- 5) Physical Touch

2. ...live it out...

“Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.” –**1 John 3:18 (LB)**

“Better is open rebuke than hidden love.” –**Proverbs 27:5 (NIV)**

“Love does not demand its own way.” –**1 Corinthians 13:5a (NLT)**

3. ...every single day!

“As we have the opportunity let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers.” –**Galatians 6:10 (NIV)**

“Do this so that nothing will stop your prayers.” –**1 Peter 3:7 (NCV)**

<sup>[32]</sup> “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>[33]</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.” –**Matthew 10:32-33 (NIV)**