

# Completing the Parenting Puzzle

## Love

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Parenting is a new adventure every day. Plus, each child requires something different. Along with these facts comes another one, no one comes into parenting fully prepared and most are not ready at all. We are blessed as Christians to have excellent Biblical instruction. Over the next 7 weeks, we will put together some great pieces that will help us figure out those puzzling moments of parenting.

Today we begin with the key piece to the entire puzzle. It needs to be a clear part of everything we do in parenting. The first one we will look at is Love.

1. All love is not the same.

4 types of love

Storge -

Philia -

Eros -

Agape -

2. As parents, we need to demonstrate love.

Love toward God - Mark 12:30

Love toward your Spouse - Genesis 2:23-24, John 13:34-35, 15:13

Love toward your Child - Romans 5:8-9

Love toward Others - Deut. 10:18-19

What love looks like. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

3. As parents, every decision and act needs to come from a position of love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

4. As parents, we need to intentionally grow our love.

2 Thessalonians 1:3, Titus 2:3-4, Hebrews 10:24