

Speaking Six Love Languages to God

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Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus declared, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

You have probably heard of the book, “The Five Love Languages” by Gary Chapman, about how we should consider the different ways to show love and how to use the love language of our spouse to make sure we meet their needs and show them love properly. It is a very good book that I recommend for any couple and especially anyone considering marriage.

The love languages in the book are:

1. Words of Affirmation – expressing your love verbally,
2. Acts of Service – Doing things to show your love,
3. Physical Touch – Closeness and touch, like holding hands, to communicate love,
4. Gifts – Giving various types of gifts to show your love,
5. Quality Time – Spending quality time with someone to show them love.

While I agree with the book that we need to focus on the particular love language of our spouse, I also believe that we should do all the love languages to our spouse. We actually can do each of these languages, in one form or another, to anyone we love. We hug loved ones, we give gifts to children, we spend quality time with friends, etc. We can use these languages – all of them – in the body of Christ, too!

God created us male and female for the purpose of marriage and designed the love languages, too. God uses each and every love language to love us, and we can use all of these languages to love God. I would suggest you yourself study how God has used all the love languages to love us. There are scriptures on all of them. Today I want to focus on how we should use the love languages to express our love to God.

If you noticed, the book is on the 5 love languages between spouses but my lesson is on 6 languages. That is because there is a special 6th language we need to speak to God.

Love Languages TO God

1. Words of Affirmation – Praise, song, and prayer,
2. Acts of Service – Taking action to love God,
3. Physical Touch – Being close to God through the indwelling of his Holy Spirit,
4. Gifts – Giving gifts to God,
5. Quality Time – Spending time with God in prayer, study, meditation, and service,
6. Obedience – Obeying God to show Him we love Him.

God is not arrogant. He does not demand we do these things because he is selfish. God asks us to express our love properly because he wants a close relationship with us! He has already loved us in every way and loved us in every love language beyond what we could ever give in return! He asks us to love him back. He gives us words of affirmation in his word, he served us in many ways including through Christ, he touches us through his Holy Spirit which lives in our hearts, he gives us gifts beyond count, he is always available for quality time with us, and he even demonstrated obedience by Jesus Christ submitting himself to God, even to death, out of love for us! What more could we ask for!? Why not give him the love he so desires in every way we can to have the best relationship possible!?

Let's look at how we could use each of these languages to express our love to God:

1. Words of Affirmation to God – Praise, Singing, and Thanksgiving

We need to tell God, and others, that we love him. When you love someone, it isn't hard to tell them, and anyone that will listen, how we feel about them.

Psalm 105:1-3

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Psalm 69:30

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. 3 Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

We need to praise God to him and others, sing those praises, and give thanks to God. By all these way we will verbally be giving God our words of affirmation.

2. Acts of Service

Matthew 25:34-40

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Romans 12:11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

In our fervor we should desire to serve God to express our love. When we serve and care for others, we are serving Jesus directly. We are clearly expressing our love to God in the best way possible, by serving others that he loves.

3. Gifts**2 Cor 9:7**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Prov 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

Give gifts: Money, talents, time, energy, etc. We need to give in every way possible of everything we have to show our love to God.

4. Physical Touch - The Holy Spirit

You may think it difficult for God to love through physical touch and for us to love him back. But God thought of that! God gives us his spirit, and Christ's spirit, to live within us and within our hearts.

John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Gal 4:6-7

6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

If God lovingly touches us by giving us his spirit, how do we touch him? One key aspect of touch, is to not refuse it when someone touches you. We give God loving touch by accepting his spirit and living in step with the spirit.

Ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5. Quality Time with God

We need to spend quality time with God. This means we need to set aside time to be with Him. We need to talk to God and listen to God.

Psalm 119:11-16

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. 12 Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. 13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. 14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. 15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. 16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Philippians 4:7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

We listen to God through his word and we talk to him through prayer. We need to make an effort to seek God and draw near to him in these ways.

James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

We seek quality time with God and he, in return, loves us and lifts us up!

6. Obedience

Obedience is the most important love language. Doing each of the other love languages is to obey, so all are summed up by obedience!

John 15:9-10

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

So how much do you love God? That is the question to ask yourself.

If you truly love God, you need to express it in all the love languages. Give him words of affirmation through praise, song, a prayer. Give him acts of service by serving others. Accept his physical touch and let the spirit live in you without grieving him. Give God gifts of money, time, talent, and anything and everything you have. Love God by spending quality time with him. And lastly, in every way love God by obeying him.

God is our God and wants to take us home to live with him forever, we have only to love him back the way he has asked us to.

If you struggle with loving God, if you have never made the decision to serve and love him, if you want to know more about how to be a Christian and love God, contact us. Send an email to us or call one of us. Send us a message on our Facebook page. We will respond.

Let us close in song as we praise our wonderful God who loves us and allows us to love him.