



Love

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"He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27 (Shema: Deut. 6:4-5)

Ahavah – Hebrew "love"

1. Love without Action is Religious.

*"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"
The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."
Luke 10:25-37*

2. Action without Love is Useless.

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." 1 Cor. 13:1-3

3. Love in Action is Miraculous.

*"For God so loved the world that **He gave** His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

*"But **God demonstrates His own love** for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8*

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **We love because He first loved us.**" 1 John 4:7-8, 19*

*"The only thing that counts is faith **expressing itself through love.**" Gal. 5:6*