

Binding and Building with Love

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I. Introduction.

- A. Love in the family is of the greatest needs.
- B. A husband and wife are to do all their activities in the context of love.
- C. A child's first need is love.

II. Love is an act of the will.

- A. God does not command us to feel certain things but to do certain things. We have forgotten that love is an act of the will whereby we must take action.
- B. It involves a readiness to give and receive.
- C. It binds and builds up. (1 Corinthians 1)
 - 1. Many things divide us from being together: the television, the school and sometimes even the church.
 - 2. Somebody must take the initiative to gather the family.
 - 3. Take more family excursions.
- D. A lot of people have been made to feel like they are nothing by those that tear down and seek affirmation in the wrong places.

III. Suggestions.

- A. Encourage people. This gives people the spirit to go on. Our prime ministry should be to the next person.
- B. Trust people. The most helpful people in the speaker's lives made him believe that they had confidence in him and trusted him.
- C. Do not compare one with another. Build up each person in their respective gifts.
- D. Eat dinner together and prepare questions for your family ahead of time.

Application questions.

1. What ought love look like in the home according to the speaker?

2. Why is it important that someone take initiative in the home for fellowship?

3. Which of the speaker's suggestions stood out to you? How will you apply this to your life.
