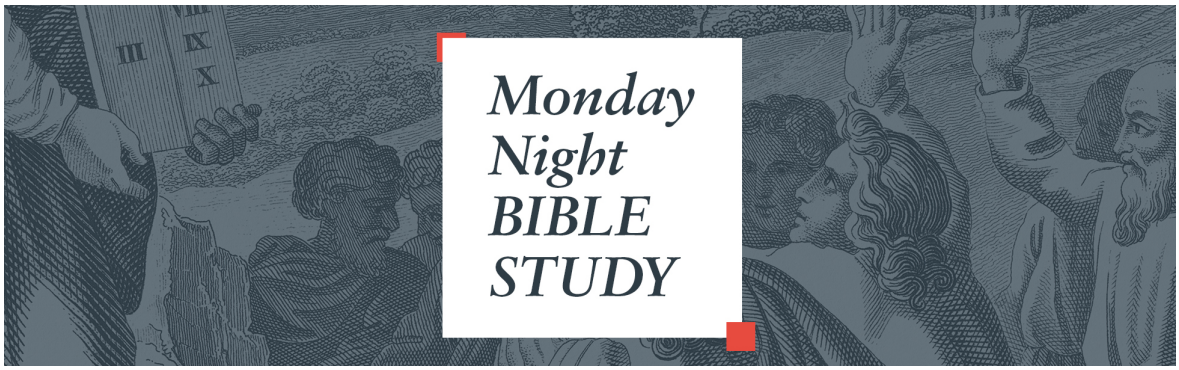

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SEX, LOVE, & MARRIAGE

LOVE

Proverbs 24:3(NIV), "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge it's rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

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1. **LOVE IS A _____**

   * Love is the response to understanding the value of something and the knowledge needed to care for it.

   John 13:34-35(NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"

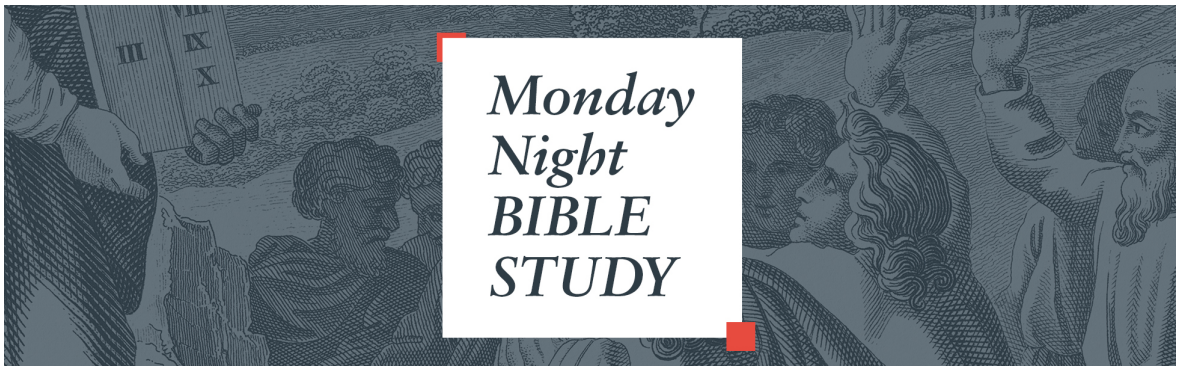
2. LOVE IS A _____

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

3. TRUE LOVE IS _____

There are many Greek words used for the English word love. Some of these greek words are

1. _____ (love, mostly of the sexual passion)
2. _____(affectionate regard, friendship)
3. _____ (love, affection" and "especially of parents and children)



4. _____ (love: esp. charity; the love of God for man and of man for God).

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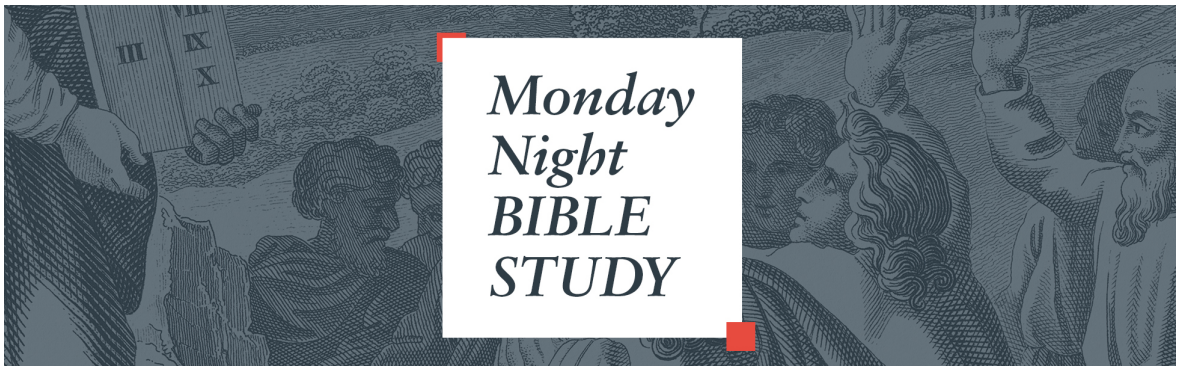
4. LOVE _____

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Love Languages

a. Gifts : Meaningful or thoughtful gift makes your spouse feel appreciated and loved. Something as simple as picking up a pint of their favorite ice cream after a long work week can make an impact on this love language. It's usually not the cost of the gift but just the idea that you were thinking about them in the midst of buying the item.
b. Words of Affirmation : This love language expresses love with words that build up your partner. Verbal compliments don't have to be complicated; the shortest and simplest words of affirmation can be the most effective. Words mean a lot to a person with this love language. Compliments and an "I love you" can go a long way. On the other side, negative or insulting comments can hurt this person and take longer to forgive than others.



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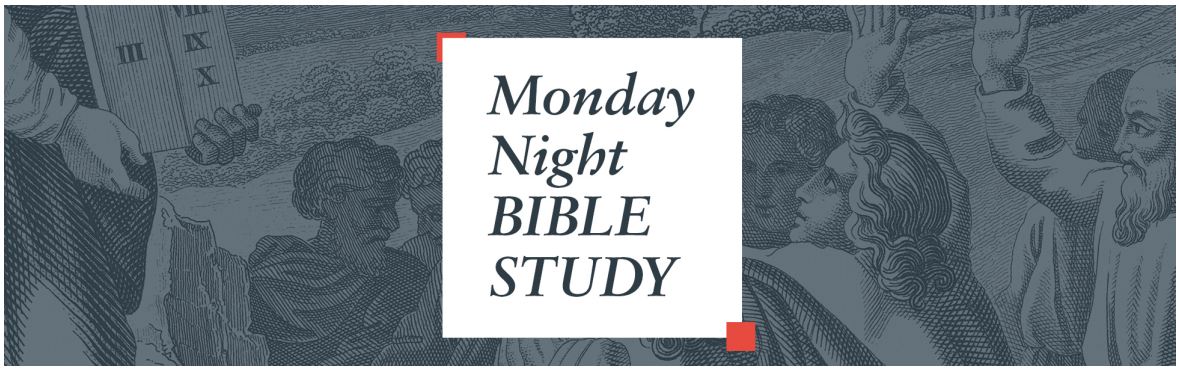
c. Quality Time : This love language is all about undivided attention. No televisions, no smartphones, or any other distractions. They think talk is cheap and the type of action they want is to be your main focus. This doesn't mean that you don't curl up on the couch to watch Netflix; it just means that you need to make sure to dedicate time together without all of the distractions. That will help them feel comforted in the relationship. Every time you cancel a date, postpone time together or aren't present during your time together, it can be hurtful to your spouse.
d. Physical Touch : To this love language, nothing is more impactful than the physical touch of their partner. They aren't necessarily into over-the-top PDA, but they do feel more connected and safe in a relationship by holding hands, kissing, hugging, etc. If physical touch is a person's primary love language without it they will feel unloved. All of the words and gifts in the world won't change that.
e. Acts of Service : Your spouse might have this love language if their motto is "Actions speak louder than words." This love language expresses itself by doing things that you know your spouse would like. Cooking a meal, doing the laundry, and picking up a prescription, are all acts of service. They require some thought, time, and effort. All of these things must be done with positivity and with your partner's ultimate happiness in mind to be considered an expression of love. Actions out of obligation and with a negative tone are something else entirely.

The #1 need of most men is _____

The #1 need of most women is _____



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5. LOVE MAKES WAY MORE _____ THAN _____

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV) "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

6. LOVE TAKES _____

*Chose to take action in declaring life over our marriage

Ezekiel 37:3-6 (ESV) He said, "Ezekiel, son of man, can these bones come back to life?" I replied, "Lord God, only you can answer that." He then told me to say(DECLARE): Dry bones, listen to what the Lord is saying to you, "I, the Lord God, will put breath in you, and once again you will live. I will wrap you with muscles and skin and breathe life into you. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

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*Don't be swayed by what you feel, instead declare what you know and declare life! Love is a choice not a feeling

7. LOVE HOLDS _____

*Vulnerability is powerful

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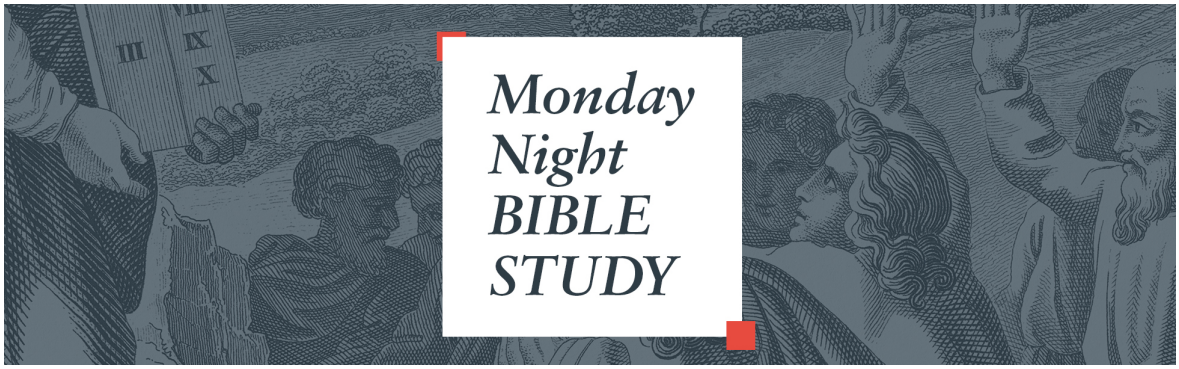

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Ephesians 5:21 (NIV) "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

8. LOVE LEAVES _____

*Leaving a legacy of marriage for the next generation

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