

Monday Matters

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Quote of the Week



"Material possessions, winning scores, and great reputations are meaningless in the eyes of the Lord, because He knows what we really are and that is

What Does Love Mean?

Some time ago my wife and I were part of a group that had the privilege to visit Israel. One day we were taking a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho. We were told that this road we were on is the same notorious road where in Bible days we learned about the Good Samaritan being robbed and beaten. It was a dangerous road then and we were told it is still dangerous today, 2000 years later.

A member of the group desperately needed a rest stop. There were no gas stations or McDonalds anywhere, just burned out buildings from a war. The driver didn't want to stop. He was afraid of this road for the very same reasons it was 200 years before. The bus driver was finally persuaded to stop but it was still unsettling for all concerned.

This incident vividly reminds me of how one person, the Good Samaritan, loved his fellow man, even in dangerous places, that he stopped to help him in his time of need. Others had failed to do so.

That love can be expressed in many different ways for others. Ladan Lashkari publishes a newsletter called Creative Success Tips. He wrote about a group of professionals that asked the question to a bunch of 4 to 8 year-olds: "What does love mean?" Some of the answers might amaze you.

Rebecca - age 8 - "When grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

all that matters."

-- John Wooden
1910 - 2010

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for this
Missionary Family**

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Bobby - age 7 - "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

"Nikka - age 6 - "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."

Mary Ann - age 4 - "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Leo Buscaglia was asked to judge a contest and identify the most caring child. The winner was a four year old whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed into his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Love is expressed in so ways. It can be helping someone in need, maybe painting toenails, or just being there and help someone cry. Share love this week to those that need it.