

Study Guide: *The Greatest, Strongest, Deepest Thing*, Part 2

1. How important is it for us to love? On a scale of 1 to 10, where would you put it? (1 being not important, 10 being extremely important)

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

2. “We love, because He \_\_\_\_\_ loved us” (1 John 4:19).

3. The only way we can love others is if we first \_\_\_\_\_ and accept God’s great love for us—a love we didn’t deserve, didn’t earn, and could never earn.

4. ““Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a \_\_\_\_\_. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister” (1 John 4:20-21).

5. The 7 excellent characteristics of love first:

- 1) Love is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Love is kind
- 3) Rejoices with the \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Love always protects
- 5) Love always trusts
- 6) Love always hopes
- 7) Love always perseveres

6. The 8 acts/attitudes that are foreign to love:

- 1) Love does not envy
- 2) Does not boast
- 3) Is not proud
- 4) It’s not \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) It’s not self-seeking
- 6) It’s not \_\_\_\_\_ angered
- 7) It keeps no record of wrongs
- 8) Love does not delight in \_\_\_\_\_

7. Love doesn’t rejoice in evil/iniquity/sin (law-\_\_\_\_\_), but rejoices in the truth (law/commandment-keeping—see Ps. 119:151).

8. “The one who does not \_\_\_\_\_ does not know God, for God is \_\_\_\_\_” (1 John 4:8).

9. Biblical love does not turn a blind eye to \_\_\_\_\_—it cannot & will not rejoice in law-breaking.

10. “This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not \_\_\_\_\_ their brother and sister” (1 John 3:10).

11. The Bible teaches that if we don’t love, we’re children of the devil. If we don’t love others, we’re not going to \_\_\_\_\_.

12. If \_\_\_\_\_ lives in me, and He is love, then He will love others through me (see Gal. 2:20).

13. The key to loving others is: \_\_\_\_\_ in me.

14. “The Lord desires me to call the attention of his people to the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Read this chapter every day, and from it obtain comfort and strength. Learn from it the value that God places on sanctified, heaven-born love, and let the lesson that it teaches come home to your hearts. Learn

that \_\_\_\_\_ love is of heavenly birth, and that without it all other qualifications are \_\_\_\_\_” (Ellen White, *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1904).

15. Do you want Him to live in you and love through you? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: first, receive, liar, patient, truth, rude, easily, evil, breaking, love, love, sin, love, Heaven, Jesus, Christ, Christlike, worthless