

LOVE PRIORITIES

Christ Followers have layers of love relationships.

(Mark 3:20-21) Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat. When His family heard this, they set out to restrain Him, because they said, "He's out of His mind." (31-35) Then His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside, they sent word to Him and called Him. A crowd was sitting around Him and told Him, "Look, Your mother, Your brothers, and Your sisters are outside asking for You." He replied to them, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" And looking about at those who were sitting in a circle around Him, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

4. Love Your Mother

- A. Love of family is our FOURTH priority.
- B. Jesus had a tremendous love for His mother.
- C. Mothers and sons share a special bond.
- D. Oldest sons assumed primary responsibility for their widowed mothers.
- E. Jesus and His mother shared a soul-bonding secret.
- F. Jesus had an increased capacity to love her.

3. Love the Followers

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(John 13:34-35) "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By THIS all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

- A. Love for other Christ-followers is our THIRD priority.
- B. Our love for one another is our only proof to the world that we are His followers.

Francis Schaeffer: *"If we don't show love to one another, the world has a right to question whether Christianity is true."*

- C. "Church" is supposed to be closer than family.

2. Love Your Wife

(Ep 5:22-25) Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord, for the husband is head of the wife as also Christ is head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. Now as the church submits to Christ, so wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her."

- A. Love for our spouse is our SECOND priority.
- B. Marriage leads to a oneness of heart and soul.

(Ep 5:31) "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

1. Love The Lord

- A. Love for Jesus is our absolute FIRST priority in life.
- B. All of life is all about loving Jesus.