

## **How To Be A More Loving Person At Home**

*1John 4:7-8, 21*

### **What Is Love?**

It is not a FEELING.

It is not UNCONTROLLABLE.

### **The Bible Says Love Is Two Things:**

Love is a CHOICE. *Colossians 3:14*

Love is CONDUCT. *1John 3:18*

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#### **1. EXPERIENCE God's Love Yourself!** *Ephesians 3:17-19*

- God wants you to know that He loves you and He wants you to FEEL it in your heart—because unloving people are unloved people.
- The starting point before you can love anyone else is that you must UNDERSTAND how much God loves you. *Romans 5:5, 8*

#### **2. FORGIVE Others Who Have Hurt You!** *Colossians 3:13*

- It is IMPOSSIBLE to love one person at the same time while hating somebody else and being full of resentment.

### **A Definition of Forgiveness:**

“Forgiveness is choosing to see your offender (family members who have hurt you in words and deeds) with different eyes.”

- To forgive is to MOVE ON; not to think about the offense anymore.

#### **3. THINK Loving Thoughts!** *Philippians 2:4-5*

- We are to have the same attitude that Jesus Christ had and He had an attitude of LOVING thoughts.
- We think loving thoughts by FOCUSING on other people's hurts, problems, and needs.

#### **4. BEGIN Acting In A Loving Way!** *Luke 6:27-28*

#### **5. EXPECT The Best From People!** *1Corinthians 13:7*

- Speak POSITIVELY to people.
- To change your mate, your family—then TREAT them the way you want them to become.