

I. WITHOUT SHAPE OR FORM Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

A. What is the shape of love? **Shape toy** (marines might recognize it from basic training!) Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. **Well-rounded Square**

1. For us - **Heart** I Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. **Emotion - Bowels** Philippians 2:1-2 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **Emotion vs volition**

2. Soul - **Triangle** I Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own

soul. **Triangle 2** Cp. I Samuel 23:16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. to I Samuel 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

3. Strength - **circle** I John 4:7-8,21

a) Shape of God's love - **cross** I John 4:9-10,15

b) He loved us as sinners Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

c) Religion, Rituals, Righteousness will not fit that hole Ephesians 2:8-9

d) The cross will fill that empty hole in your heart **Cross in the hole** Romans 10:9-10,13 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of

the Lord shall be saved. Ephesians 2:8-9
will not fit

4. Mind - **Brain** Philippians 2:3-5 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. **Make a decision to love**

B. What kind of love are you shaping? I Thessalonians 4:9-10 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more. **Love is something you have to keep working at and shaping it.**

1. Our love has to be molded into the image of Christ Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

2. We need to be like **Silly Putty** in God's hands Isaiah 45:9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that

fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? We have some silly ideas of what it means to love!

C. Un-seam-ly **Seamless** Matthew 22:37-39

1. Not what “seems right” to you Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

2. Don't treat me as you “see-me”, but “see-me” for what I could be through the love of God Luke 6:31-35

II. MANNERS I Corinthians 10:31-33 “**All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten**” **Good Manners chart**

A. How to behave in this world I Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

B. Behave wisely I Samuel 18:14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

C. Behave in church I Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave

thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

D. Behave all of the time Psalm 101:2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. [At home with your family](#)

E. Need book [Emily Post](#) Romans 12:1-2

III. MINORS Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

A. Since when has having moral standards become old-fashioned? I Peter 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands.

1. Standards of dress I Timothy 2:9-10

2. Standards of conversation Ephesians 4:22, 5:3-4

3. Standards of action Ephesians 4:19-24

B. We have forgotten how to blush Jeremiah 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

C. Major on the minors and minor on the majors Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

1. Your soul Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
2. Your Savior Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
3. Others I Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

James 1:26 If any man among you seemeth to be religious...