

THE TOUGH SIDE OF LOVE

What Does LOVE Require of Me? – Part 6

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Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14

I. What is “Tough love”?

1. Tough love is an _____
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“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4 (NIV)

2. Tough love is more _____
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“Love...rejoices with the truth.” I Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

3. Tough love is more _____
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“...the Lord disciplines the ones he loves...” Hebrews 12:6a (NIV)

“...God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. [v.11] No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:10b,11 (NIV)

“My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, [v.12] because the LORD disciplines those he loves,...”

Proverbs 3:11,12a (NIV)

II. How to demonstrate tough love:

1. _____.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5 (NIV)

2. Base my _____.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” II Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

3. Make sure my _____.

Jesus - “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” Luke 6:41 (NIV)

Jesus - “How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” Luke 6:42 (NIV)

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31 (NIV)

4. Express my _____.

“...speaking the truth in love.” Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

Proverbs 15:1

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)