

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

August 1, 2011

### What Love Is Not!

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 NKJV** – (4) Love suffers long *and* is kind; **love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; (5) does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; (6) does not rejoice in iniquity,** but rejoices in the truth; (7) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Lets review what love is not and what the "World" wants you to believe LOVE IS!

**SEX** - True love is NOT based on sexual love. Many people confuse LOVE with sex, and this is a very sad situation. Those who are engaged in premarital sex will not be able to distinguish "true love" when their emotions are all tied up with sexual love. Sex is a gift from God reserved strictly for marriage! Likewise, those who want to marry just to fulfill a sexual need are always disappointed!

**LUST** - True love is NOT found on the outside! You know the old story...."You can't judge a good book by its cover!". Marrying someone because they are "good looking" and that reflects well on you, will not bring you happiness!

**SELFISHNESS** - True love is NOT selfish! Selfish people make miserable mates! Selfish people care only about themselves and what they have and want. Selfish people will find it impossible to give you what YOU may need because their needs will always come first!

**MONEY** - True love is NOT measured in dollars! No amount of money in the world will bring you true love! The love of money is the "root of all evil!" Money makes people do things that they would not normally do. If you think, you have to marry someone with money to find love and to have a good marriage and/or your problems will go away, you are sadly mistaken! Problems just get more expensive with money!

**LOW SELF ESTEEM** - True love is NOT found in one with low self esteem! If you are not happy now, no one else can bring that to you! You need to find your own love in yourself before you can adequately love anyone else. There is a terrible fairy tale out there that says "just find a man/woman" then, you'll be happy. People who are hurting and feel unloved sometimes will turn to the first person that comes along to fill the emptiness they feel.

**ABUSE** - True love is NOT abusive! Without a doubt, any type of abusive behavior by either person is NOT LOVE! Verbal or physical abuse is an illness regardless of the reason someone may give for inflicting it.

Now evaluate on what's going on in your life.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

1 JOHN 4:16

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

All saved people are not disciples, but all disciples are saved people.

