

## LOVE STRONG #5

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***“We can make our own plans, but the LORD gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives. Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.”*** Proverbs 16:1-3 NLT

***“Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.”*** 1 Corinthians 4:5 NIV

**MAN WEIGHS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**GOD WEIGHS \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”*** Romans 12:9-10 NLT

### **SYNTHETIC OR AUTHENTIC LOVE? HOW DO I KNOW?**

***“You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.”*** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4 NLT

**AUTHENTIC LOVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there.”*** (1-2A)

***“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”*** 1 John 3:16

**AUTHENTIC LOVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition.”*** (2B)

***“Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”*** Matthew 26:46 NIV

**AUTHENTIC LOVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery.”*** (3)

***“The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk.” 1 Timothy 1:5 NIV***

**AUTHENTIC LOVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.” (4)***

***“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.” 1 John 4:16-17 NIV***

**IN THE END...**

**MY \_\_\_\_\_ MUST REFLECT MY \_\_\_\_\_**

***“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” 1 John 4:20-21 NIV***

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**WHY DO YOU THINK THE MOTIVES BEHIND OUR ACTIONS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO GOD?**

**HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SOMEONE’S LOVE IS GENUINE?**

**WHICH DISTINCTIVE OF “AUTHENTIC LOVE” MOTIVATES YOU TO LOVE OTHERS THE RIGHT WAY?**

**HOW DOES ETERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY LATER IMPACT HOW WE LOVE OTHERS NOW?**

**HOW CAN YOU APPLY GOD’S WORD FROM TODAY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?**