

TWO BIG QUESTIONS

God's Love Language



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The Five Love Languages:

1. Words of Affirmation
2. Acts of Service
3. Receiving Gifts
4. Physical Touch
5. Quality Time

It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

Hebrews 11:4 (NLT)

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Genesis 4:1-5 (NIV)

GIFTS THAT PLEASE GOD

1. THE HEART OF THE GIVER

*These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

*Their worship of me
is based on merely human rules they have been taught.*

Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

1. Cultivate a **generous** heart.
2. Cultivate a **grateful** heart.

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.

Deuteronomy 15:15 (NIV)

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2. THE PRIORITY OF THE GIFT

And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering.

Genesis 4:4 (NIV)

*Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

3. THE FAITH REQUIRED TO GIVE IT

When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:8 (NIV)

I will not take what is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.

1 Chronicles 21:24 (NKJV)

"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:3-4 (NIV)