

Women of Courage
Producing right conduct
“LOVE”

1 Corinthians 13

Love – “Agapao” - (1) of persons

(1a) to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly

(2) of things

(2a) to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing

Love – Ancient Hebrew Lexicon, Jeff Benner – a-hav (H154 strong's cord.) - verb – To provide and protect that which is given as a privileged gift. An intimacy of action and emotion. Strong affection for another arising from personal ties.

Hav – parent root

Hav-hav – root meaning “gift” (noun) H1890 Strong's concordance

Ya-hav - (verb) meaning “to provide” H3051 Strong's concordance

Jeff Benner – Ancient Hebrew – We do not choose our parents or siblings, but are instead given to us as a gift from above, a privileged gift. Even in the ancient Hebrew culture one's wife was chosen. It is our responsibility to provide and protect that privileged gift. In our modern Western culture love is an abstract thought of emotion, how one feels toward another but the Hebrew meaning goes much deeper. As a verb this word means “to provide and protect what is given as a privilege.” We are told to love Elohiym and our neighbors, not in an emotional sense, but in the sense of our actions.

Agapao or “Agape” is the most common word for love in the New Testament. Agape is the word for Love used in 1 Corinthians 13. It occurs 259 times as a verb or as a noun. This love, Agape, is a love called out of a person's heart (mind) by “an awakened sense of value in an object which causes one to prize it”. It expresses a love of approbation and esteem. Its impulse comes from the idea of prizing. It is a love that recognizes the worthiness of the object loved. This love consists of the person's sense of the value and preciousness of its object, and its response to its recognized worth in admiring affection. This Agape Love is a love of preciousness, a love of esteem, a love called out of the heart by the apprehension of valuable qualities in the object loved. This love ascribes value to and is a love of prizing.

**Proverbs 10:12; 2 Cor 6:6; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:2; Col 1:11, 3:12; 2 Timothy 2:25, 3:10, 4:2;
James 3:17; 1 Peter 4:8**