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1 Peter 1:22-25

# **Extreme Family Love**

**There is no greater force than love.**

**If two people truly love each other, they will do anything for the other.**

**There is no greater bond on earth than true love.**

**This is especially true of the love in a believer's home.**

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The love that believers are to have for one another (in our text) is what the Greek calls *philadelphian* love, a very special kind of love. One for family members.

The word is "scarcely found except in Christian writings"

(B.C. Coffin. *First Peter*. "The Pulpit Commentary," Vol.22, ed. by HDM Spence and Joseph S. Exell. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1950, p.11.)

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## 1 Peter 1:22-25 (HCSB)

**<sup>22</sup> By obedience to the truth, having purified yourselves for sincere love of the brothers, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,**

**<sup>23</sup> since you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God.**

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## **1 Peter 1:22-25 (HCSB)**

**24 For All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower drops off,**  
**25 but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached as the gospel to you.**

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# I. Loving with a Pure Motive

...having purified yourselves for sincere love of the brothers, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

We are to have *sincere love* (*anupokritos philadelphías*), for our Christian brothers.

Genuine, sincere, without pretension, hypocrisy, or play-acting.

# I. Loving with a Pure Motive

**...love one another earnestly from a pure heart,**

"See that you love one another with a pure heart earnestly." The word "earnestly" (*ektenōs*) "does not mean 'with warmth' but rather 'with full intensity'."

It literally means to *stretch love fully out* or to love one another *in an all out manner*

(Alan M. Stibbs. *The First Epistle General of Peter*. "The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries," ed. by RVG Tasker. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1959, p.94).

# **I. Loving with a Pure Motive**

**...love one another earnestly from a pure heart,**

**We are to love one another (our spouses and our children) not just out of warmth and tenderness, but with an intensity it shows.**

**This can only be done when we have a pure heart with no agendas or motives.**

## **II. Consider Our New Birth**

**<sup>23</sup> since you have been born again—**

**All believers have been spiritually born again and spiritually remade.**

**They have been spiritually created into new men and new women, created anew by God to be brothers and sisters to one another and to love one another.**

## **II. Consider Our New Birth**

**23...—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God.**

**Believers are born again by the incorruptible seed, the Word of God.**

**God's Word is the seed that is planted within our hearts and lives. The word incorruptible means that it does not perish.**

### **III. The Window of Opportunity is Small**

**24 For All flesh is like grass...**

**Life is ever so short. It lasts no longer than the grass that appears so quickly and then withers away or the flower that appears just as quickly and falls away.**

**Parenting lasts such a short time.**

**However, we are to nurture the seed of God that is in our responsibility.**

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.

**Extreme Parenting --- Extreme Living  
Means we seize every opportunity of  
each day to make an eternal difference.**

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