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Greek Words For Love

1. Storgē: Familial Love
2. Erōs: Romantic Love
3. Phileo: Friendship Love
4. Agapē: Chosen Love

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John G. Mason, Luke: An Unexpected God

Love is not simply brotherly love, romantic love, or even natural affection but rather the kind of love that God practises—namely, choosing to love even though the ones who are loved are unworthy of it. It is the deliberate choice to serve the very best interests of others.

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Matthew 10

NLT

34 “Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

35 ‘I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 Your enemies will be right in your own household!’

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R. C. Sproul, A Walk with God: An Exposition of Luke

In our culture we think of love in passive terms. Love is something over which we have no control. Love is something that happens to us, spontaneously. In New Testament categories, however, love is not something primarily that happens to us. Love, rather, is a duty, a requirement. Love has more to do with activity than it has to do with feeling.

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In Jesus' day the Jewish leaders had narrowed the application of neighbour so that it referred to people who shared similar religious views; it did not include enemies. But Jesus went further and said that his followers cannot be selective about whom they love.

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John 18

NLT

22 Then one of the Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. “Is that the way to answer the high priest?” he demanded.

23 Jesus replied, “If I said anything wrong, you must prove it. But if I’m speaking the truth, why are you beating me?”

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Luke 22

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35 Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you out to preach the Good News and you did not have money, a traveler’s bag, or an extra pair of sandals, did you need anything?”
“No,” they replied.

36 “But now,” he said, “take your money and a traveler’s bag. And if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one!

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Leon Morris, Luke: An Introduction and Commentary

The Christian should never refrain from giving out of a love for his possessions. Love must be ready to be deprived of everything if need be. Of course, in a given case it may not be the way of love to give. But it is love that must decide whether we give or withhold, not a regard for our possessions.

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Proverbs 13

NLT

24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

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We must not look at these admonitions as a series of rules to be obeyed. They describe an attitude of heart that expresses itself positively when others are negative, and generously when others are selfish, all to the glory of God. It is an inner disposition, not a legal duty. We must have wisdom to know when to turn the other cheek and when to claim our rights.

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It is easy for believers to congratulate themselves on some virtue they fancy they detect in themselves. But before they can claim that they are obeying Christ's command they should ask whether they are doing anything more than sinners do in similar circumstances.

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4. Choose To Mimic The Surprising Love Of God **(v35-36)**

Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary

The important thing is not that we are vindicated before our enemies but that we become more like God in our character.

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