

FAMILY SERIES CRAZY TRAIN
THE NEXT GENERATION!
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“The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...”^{NLT} 2 Chronicles 16:9

1. THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT IN YOUR FAMILY THAN LOVE!

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40

2. A HUGE PROBLEM IN FAMILIES IS PEOPLE DON’T ALWAYS FEEL THE LOVE!

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.”^{NIV} 1 Corinthians 13:1

3. WHEN PEOPLE DON’T FEEL THE LOVE YOU HAVE TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY CRAVE!

“²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

4. THERE ARE FIVE PRIMARY LOVE LANGUAGES ALL PEOPLE CRAVE!

The five love languages are:

1. Receiving Gifts

“If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure....” Luke 6:38

2. Words of Affirmation

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Ephesians 4:29

“²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

“Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”^{NLT} Proverbs 15:4

3. Physical Touch

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.”
John 13:14

4. Acts of Service

“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

5. Quality Time

“Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

5. JUST DO IT!

“²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:21-22

Three steps to effectively loving your family:

1. Have a family talk and identify the love languages of everyone in your family.
2. When you know your love language, give your family specific examples of how they can show their love to you.
3. With God's help take the time to love your family the way they need it.

Action Steps: Learn and talk about the Love languages in your family and get busy loving more effectively!