

Morning Lesson

FOUR THINGS EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY WANTS

1 John 4:7-11

INTRO:

1. I must become a better person first and then a better spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, etc. second. **Rom. 12:2**

I. TOTAL UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

II. TO FEEL IMPORTANT.

III. TO FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN.

IV. TO HAVE LOVE EXPRESSED TO THEM.

- A. A newborn can't live without physical contact.
 1. The Frederick Experiment.
 2. Dean Ornish, Love and Survival.
- B. 4 hugs a day keeps the blues away, 8 for maintenance, 12 to grow on.
 1. Illus.: Man drifting away from his 12-year-old daughter. Let her know you love her. Hug her a lot. So hard for him to express. His dad never told him.
 2. Illus.: Men don't hug, so quit hugging his son, but kept hugging his daughter. What is the difference in their skin needs?
- C. Sometimes words are not adequate. **Acts 20:36-38; Gen. 45:2**
 1. "When your mother is crying"
 2. October 4, 1975
 3. "Hold him tight."

CONC:

1. If we wait for tragedy to appreciate what we have, it may be too late.
2. Traveling salesman...I thought you needed to know. I believe that God would want me to tell you before I quit that he loves you. I thought you needed to know.