

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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## Unconventional Love

“I love you.” A phrase we often here and often say, but what does it truly mean? What is love anyways? Each of us have an idea, an opinion, and our own reasons as to what we think love is.

There is puppy love, sexual love, new love, old love, unconditional love. But what is Unconventional Love? What other type of love is there, and how do we show it?

When we think of the conventional standards in our lives it makes us feel good, calm and relaxed. But, when something happens in a way that is unconventional we become flustered. Why?—because when things happen the way they should it's easy to accept.

However, when something happens in a different way we become uncomfortable. This is what unconventional love is. It is uncomfortable. It asks us to do things which are not easy for us to do.

When you love someone, you feel an attachment to them. This attachment causes us to look for the best for them. We do what we can to help not harm them. But what if when we “help” them we are actually harming them?

If this is conventional love, then what is unconventional love? Let us discover it together.

## Unconventional Love

- \* Conventional vs. Unconventional  
Based on or conforming to accepted standards vs. Different from that which is accepted
- \* Love  
An intense feeling of deep affection vs. Action
- \* Why do we withdraw from our Brethren?  
Convention tells us—It is commanded, a little leaven, and evil company corrupts.  
In reality its LOVE
- \* We love him.  
If they really loved him, they would show it.
- \* So, why do we withdraw?  
It is commanded, A little leaven does leaven the whole, and Evil company does corrupt.  
But most importantly because we Love them.
- \* What does it mean to withdraw?  
“...not to keep company...not even to eat...put away...do not receive...greet...”
- \* Keep in mind this is not anger, not resentfulness, but Love.  
Restoration and Salvation is the goal.
- \* What about our own family?  
There is no exception clause if it is your family.