

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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A second important thing that Immanuel Kant believed was that everyone should have someone to love. A life without someone to love would be a life deprived of an essential emotion. Love is comfort and energy and a feeling of well-being. Can anything in life be more important than knowing that we are loved, and then becoming people who genuinely love others?

A singing group named Queen, in England, performs a song entitled *Somebody To Love*. The refrain says "Can anybody find me somebody to love?" It is not a happy song. It is a song of desperation for human love.

The Hebrews and the Greeks recognized that there are many kinds and many gradations of love. The Hebrews and the Greeks each reserved a special word for the kind of love that is experienced between God and people. They each have other words for various relationships that humans have with one another. We are keenly aware that our greatest love, the love that transcends all loves, is to be for God, and then we are to love others as we love ourselves.

Blessed is the person who has a few good friends and a family who cares for one another. There is the human need for that emotional bond that fills out our emotional lives. It is like building a three-legged stool. We are one of the legs; friends whom we love are another leg; family whom we love is another leg. Three-legged stools do not turn over. It is the ultimate support.

Love relationships must be cultivated and tended. Otherwise they diminish. This might be the week when we make the time to talk to those people that we love and simply say, "I love you." Practice saying the words. They sound wonderful to the one who hears them, and often they will be repeated back to the sender. Try ending a phone conversation with the words, "I love you." Everyone needs someone to love.

Lord, help us to love You with all of our heart, soul, and mind, and then help us to authentically love others, family and friends, strangers and acquaintances, as You love. Nudge us to remember to maintain our love relationships with one another. Amen. Pastor Louise