

T Morning Lesson

**PRACTICING LOVE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE FAMILY
(AT HOME AND THE FAMILY OF GOD)**

or

FOUR THINGS EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY WANTS

1 John 3:1, 2

INTRO:

1. I must become a better person first and then a better spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, etc. second. **Rom. 12:2**
2. In order to do this, there are four things everyone needs.
 - a. Total unconditional acceptance.
 - b. To feel important.
 - c. To forgive and be forgiven.
 - d. To have love expressed to them.

I. TOTAL UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

- A. This is difficult because so many grew up with conditional love.
- B. Three observations about our fellowship in general.
 1. The average member does not believe that God loves him as he is. **Eph. 2:4, 5**
 2. We believe our righteousness is solely based upon our correctness of doctrine. **Tit. 3:4, 5**
 3. If we are not careful, we believe that we have to earn it. **Eph. 2:8, 9**
- C. Is there anyone of us here that would raise our hand to say that God loves us because of all the great things we do? **Deut. 7:7, 8**
- D. Our greatest motivation is knowing that someone believes in us.
 1. Illus.: Zig Ziglar and son playing golf.
 2. Illus.: Stan Contrell running through China.
- E. I need to be loved for who I am, not what I do.
- F. *We must learn to separate the person from his actions.*