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🎵 *Have you ever wondered if your love is deep enough when you say, I love Jesus? Do your actions speak louder than your words? Do you truly love Jesus? When examining your heart, test it against His Word. God gives us the perfect test, found in John 14 verse 15.* 🎵

I did an online search on “Quizzes to learn about yourself” and was astonished at how many quizzes one can take concerning any topic. What is the purpose of these quizzes? The purpose is to try to understand ourselves: our actions, our decisions and our motives. The most popular quiz is for couples to determine their love language. Understanding how one receives and looks for love helps couples know how to show love to one another.

The Bible seems to have a similar love quiz: Quiz to determine if you love Jesus. We live in a world with lots of talk and little action. To say you love someone costs you nothing: To show you love someone will cost you much. My mother taught us this phrase: “Actions speak louder than words.” I did not know until much later in years that this phrase is based off a Bible verse: a verse from the prayer of Hannah.

1 Samuel 2:3, “Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.”

The Bible ‘love quiz’ seems to be the simplest quiz out there. Multiple questions from online quizzes must be completed before scoring your results and examining how you preformed. But with the Bible love quiz, it is only one question: Do you keep my commandments?

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1 John 2:3-5, “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”

John 14:24, “He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.”

People take quizzes to improve their lives. They will take the results of the quiz and the self-examination and start applying what they have learned. They are looking for the benefits and improved quality of life.

What are the benefits or improved quality of life when we do the Bible 'love quiz'?

John 15:10, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

- 1) We will abide in his love. Wow! That's pretty exciting. Just as I want to abide in the love of my husband every day, I should also desire to want to abide in the love of God every day. Just as the pleasure I receive from the love of my husband fills me with joy, the pleasure I receive from the love of God is unmeasurable.

1 John 5:1-5, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

- 2) We overcome the world. As long as we are living in this world, we will have battles to overcome. We NEED the help of Jesus in all our battles. This is a huge benefit to keeping His commandments.

John 14:21-23, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered, and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."


- 3) He will manifest Himself unto us. What a joy we receive when His Word comes alive and speaks to us! What rejoicing as we see His mighty Hand moving in our lives directing our way, giving us His protection, and meeting our needs.

1 John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

- 4) We receive answered prayer. This thought is disheartening when you have gone many months or years with no answer to prayer. We then must re-examine our hearts and complete the Bible 'love quiz' to see if we have strayed away from keeping his commandments. But when we see that we have not erred, we can rest assured that the answer to our prayer is coming; just be patient and keep praying.

I may not love to do the things that please God, but I do them because I love Him. By following His commandments, I show my love: by praising Him even in tough times, dying to self and living in His Will, praying, reading and studying His Word, spreading the good news of the Gospel, teaching others how to love God and giving encouragement to my fellow brethren in Christ.

Following God's commandments is simply following the steps of Jesus.

 I John 2:6, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." Is your walk and your talk like Jesus? Do you walk and talk like Him? 