

West Valley Church of Christ – August 06, 2023

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

**LOVE REQUIRES PAYING ATTENTION**

Loving our families and other people requires paying attention. We do not just **give** our attention, we must **pay** attention. Not paying attention is an all too common scene. One spouse, let's say the husband, is immersed in the newspaper while the wife is pouring out her heart. Frustrated, she complains, "You're



not looking at me and you're not listening to me." Perhaps in the evening when the husband comes home, he flips on the TV, his wife or children want to talk about the day, but his ears are tuned into the TV. His wife, son or daughter finally complains, "You're not looking at me and you're not listening to me. You're not paying attention!" If we want to be the best Christians we can be, if we want to have the best marriage we can have and better communication with our children, or with our parents, we must strive to live in God's love. Living in God's love means we will listen and it is not just a casual listening to what God says. It's the kind of listening that says, "I want to hear what you have to say," type of listening. The Apostle John writes to the believers and tenderly says, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (I John 3:18). Love shows. When we strive to love as God loves us, we will stay on track or get back on track.

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