

- I. Love covers by hiding
  - A. Hatred hides to protect from harm

Gen 9:20-29; 1Tim 1:5  
1Cor 13:7; Prov 10:11,18  
Jn 3:19-20

Ps 91:1-10; Ps 32:7  
Matt 23:37; Acts 9:23-25  
Ex 2:1-3; Jn 18:8
  - B. Hatred uncovers to harm

Prov 10:12, 11:13, 17:9  
Dan 6:1-16; Jn 8:1-5  
Matt 26:47-49
  - C. Sometimes love exposes

2Tim 3:16; 2Sam 12:5-9  
Matt 16:23; Gal 2:11-21  
Acts 5:1-11; Eph 5:11  
Matt 18:15-17  
1Tim 5:19-20; Heb 5:14  
Jn 16:12-13  
Eph 4:15, 25, 29
- II. Love covers by bearing
  - A. Love forgives and pays for

Matt 18:21-35; Eph 4:32  
Matt 6:12; 1 Jn 4:10
  - B. Hatred “makes them pay”

1Cor 13:5; 2Sam 13:22ff  
1Sam 18:8-9  
Gen 27:41
- III. Love has priority and perspective
  - A. We are to love “above all”
  - B. We love with our hearts because our minds see

Eph 4:32; 2 Cor 5:14-19

1 Peter 4:8  
Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another,  
because love covers a multitude of sins.

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3. Can you give an example of love covering by hiding? In your example, what was the potential harm that the lover was protecting the loved one from?
4. Can you give an example of hatred uncovering to try to harm another? What are some ways that people try to expose or reveal others to harm them?
5. Sometimes love exposes. What factors would lead a loving person to decide that a certain sin, attitude, behavior, needs to be exposed? Why could this action still be called love?
6. Can you explain the acrostic B.E.S.T., as a guideline to how we use words and also how we decide to cover or expose?
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