Biblical Love is Discerning

2 John (series #25)

Introduction: Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9 A. The Priority of Love - "that your love may abound"

B. The Perimeters of Love

1. "in knowledge"

a. Romans 10:2

b. Colossians 1:10

2. "and all discernment" - Hebrews 5:11-14

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