

Words to Live By #1 "Love One Another"

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1 Jn. 4:18, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear". (NIV)

Jn. 13:34-35, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other**. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples". (NLT)

"A Lifestyle of Love"

#1 It's a _____

Point to Ponder: We are most _____ when we love

Gal. 5:6, "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself in love". (NIV)

#2 It's a _____ command

"What's 'new' about this commandment?" (Lev. 19:18)

Answer: Not that we're called to love, but that we're called to love _____ (sacrificial, selfless, unconditional, always seeking the highest good of others)

1 Jn. 4:10-11, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another". (NIV)

#3 It envisions a way of life that has _____

Why Jesus Attracted Crowds Wherever He Went

- He _____ with authority
- He _____

Mtt. 9:36, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". (NLT)

This is our calling... Hillside, this is a time for the church to be _____

Phil. 2:3, "Don't be selfish... Don't think only of your own interests, but think of the interests of others, too. You must have the same attitude Christ Jesus had". (NLT)

1 Jn. 3:16, "This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves". (MSG)

Gal. 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers". (NIV)

Covid 19 Response Initiative: "Give Help" | "Need Help"

"Because God is love, the most important lesson he wants you to learn on earth is how to love. It is in loving, that we are most like him, so love is the foundation of every command he has given... Real fellowship is more than just showing up at services. It is experiencing life together. It includes unselfish loving, honest sharing, practical serving, sacrificial giving, sympathetic comforting, and all the other "one another" commands in the New Testament". ~(Rick Warren)

“Love Does”

Acts 2:42-45, “They spent their time learning from the apostles, **and they were like family to each other**... All the Lord’s followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it”. (CEV)

“You don’t need a plan; you just need to be present... That’s because love is never stationary. In the end, love doesn’t just keep thinking about it or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does.” (Bob Goff)

1 Jn. 4:12, “No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us”. (NLT)

Recommended Resources

- Bob Goff, “Love Does” (Book) & “Reckless Love” (Right Now Media videos)
- Jeff Henderson, “Know What You’re FOR: A Growth Strategy for Work, An Even Better Strategy for Life”