

Loving The Way God Would Have Us To Love

(How do we love people who are unlovable?)

2 John 1:4-6

⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. ⁶ This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Listen Without Interrupting – James 1:9 (Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,); Proverbs 10:16 (The labor of the righteous leads to life, The wages of the wicked to sin.) Keep an instructed way of life. We have one mouth and two ears.

Speak Without Accusing – Ephesians 4:14-16 (¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.) We need to speak truth encouraging words.

Give Without Sparing – Luke 6:37-38 (³⁷ “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”) Give pressed down. We are never more like Jesus than when we are giving.

Pray Without Ceasing – Colossians 1:9-10 (⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;) Walk pleasing to the Lord. Spiritual Understanding.

Speak Softly – Proverbs 15:1-2 (¹ A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. ² The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.) Soft answers, people listen to. Don't stir the stick.

Redeem Time – Ephesians 5:15-16 (¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.) Share the Gospel being real – understanding.

Enjoy Serving Without Complaining – Philippians 2:12-16 (¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.) Do it without griping. It works together for our good.

Hold Fast To Promises – Hebrews 10:19-25 (¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so

much the more as you see the Day approaching.) Hang on, do not give up on the brink of a miracle.

Forgiving Without Remembering – Colossians 3:12-17 (¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.); Acts 3:19 (Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,) Sins are Gone. When we put others first, we are really being what He commanded of us.

Do What We Say We Will Do – Proverbs 14:5 (A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.) Make a promise and keep it.