

THE TRANSFORMING
POWER OF THE CHURCH



The most important thing in life for the follower of Jesus
is becoming the kind of person who loves.

This isn't some wimpy, sappy love.

It's a force....

a force that can penetrate most wicked heart
and change the course of entire nations.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 CSB

If I speak human or angelic tongues
but do not have love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² If I have the gift of prophecy
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains
but do not have love,
I am nothing.

³ And if I give away all my possessions,
and if I give over my body in order to boast
but do not have love,
I gain nothing.

Now the goal
of our instruction
is love that comes
from a pure heart,
a good conscience,
and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 CSB

The ultimate
aim of the Christian
minister is to produce
the love which springs
from a pure heart, a
good conscience and
a genuine faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 PHILLIPS

“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35 CSB

“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:12-13 CSB

“This is what I command you:
Love one another.”

John 15:17 CSB

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: Love one another.

1 John 3:11 EHV

The one who loves others has fulfilled the Law.

Romans 13:b NCB


How can I increasingly become the kind of person who loves?

3 suggestions

Remain
conscious of
the reality that
God's love is
within me,
already.

Continually
partner with
the Holy Spirit
to address the
underlying
attitudes.

Lean into
grace to *do* the
commands found
in Scripture, as
opportunities
arise.



...God's love **has been poured out** in our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 5:5b CSB

perfect tense

“describes an action
which is viewed as
having been completed
in the past, once and
for all, not needing
to be repeated”

address
underlying
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1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV

Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant ⁵or rude.

It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

*“...what you give
your attention
to is the person
you become.”*
John Mark Comer

do the things
commanded
in Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-3 CSB

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord,
urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received,
² with all humility and gentleness,
with patience,
bearing with one another in love
³ making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.

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