

is becoming the kind of person who loves.

The most important thing in life for the follower of Jesus

This isn't some wimpy, soppy 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

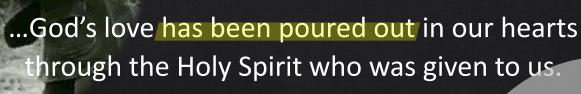
How can I increasingly become the kind of person who loves?

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.



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"

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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; ⁶ it 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

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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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