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John 13: 34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

1 John 4 v7-12 & v 19

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

1 John 3: 16-18

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



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2 Corinthians 9:12-15

Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ.

You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!

Proverbs 21: 13

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

Jeremiah 22: 16

He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the LORD.

Proverbs 14: 21

It is a sin to despise one's neighbour, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.

James 1: 27 (The Message)

Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

James 2: 5

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters:
Has not God chosen those who are
poor in the eyes of the world to be rich
in faith and to inherit the kingdom he
promised those who love him?

Matthew 10: 40-42 (The Message)

⁴⁰⁻⁴² “We are intimately linked in this
harvest work. Anyone who accepts
what you do, accepts me, the One who
sent you. Anyone who accepts what I
do accepts my Father, who sent me.
Accepting a messenger of God is as
good as being God’s messenger.
Accepting someone’s help is as good
as giving someone help. This is a large
work I’ve called you into, but don’t be
overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start
small. Give a cool cup of water to
someone who is thirsty, for instance.
The smallest act of giving or receiving
makes you a true apprentice. You
won’t lose out on a thing.”

Matthew 25: 37-40 (The Message)

Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say,
‘Master, what are you talking about?
When did we ever see you hungry and
feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?
And when did we ever see you sick or
in prison and come to you?’ Then the
King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn
truth: Whenever you did one of these
things to someone overlooked or
ignored, that was me—you did it to
me.’

Micah 6: 8 (NLT)

The LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Mark 9: 41 (NIV)

⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives
you a cup of water in my name
because you belong to the Messiah will
certainly not lose their reward.

Isaiah 58: 6-12

This is the kind of fast day I’m after:
to break the chains of injustice, get rid
of exploitation in the workplace,
free the oppressed, cancel debts.

What I’m interested in seeing you do
is: sharing your food with the hungry,
inviting the homeless poor into your
homes, putting clothes on the shivering
ill-clad, being available to your own
families.

Do this and the lights will turn on,
and your lives will turn around at once.
Your righteousness will pave your
way. The GOD of glory will secure
your passage. Then when you pray,
GOD will answer. You’ll call out for
help and I’ll say, ‘Here I am.’

If you get rid of unfair practices,
quit blaming victims, quit gossiping
about other people’s sins,
If you are generous with the hungry
and start giving yourselves to the
down-and-out, your lives will begin to
glow in the darkness, your shadowed
lives will be bathed in sunlight.
I will always show you where to go.
I’ll give you a full life in the emptiest
of places— firm muscles, strong
bones. You’ll be like a well-watered
garden, a gurgling spring that never
runs dry.

You’ll use the old rubble of past lives
to build anew, rebuild the foundations
from out of your past.

You’ll be known as those who can fix
anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and
renovate, make the community liveable
again.