It's Clear: We Love God's Family

John 13:34 love one another, just as I have loved you

1 Jn 3:16 We ought to *lay down our lives* for the brothers

Eph 4:1 Bearing with one another in love.

1 Pet 1:22 *Fervently love* one another from the heart.

It's Also Clear We're to Love Others

1 Thess 3:12 "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else."

NIV

Matt 22:39 "The "second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Learning to Love Like Jesus

Luke 10:33 "A certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him & when he saw him, he felt compassion..

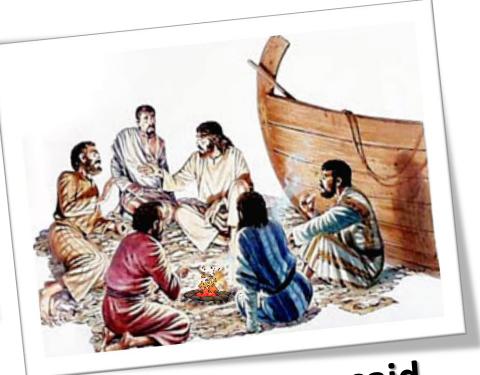
Luke 10:34 Came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil & wine on them; he put him on his own beast, brought him to an inn, & took care of him. v.35 And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him.. and whatever more.."

v.37 And Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

Learning to Love Like Jesus



John 8:11 "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now & leave your life of sin." NIV



John 21:15 Jesus said
"Simon.. do you love Me
more than these?".. He
said to him, "Tend
My lambs."

We Need Bible Authority for Whatever We Do.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.. NASB

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony!

If they do not speak according to this word,

it is because there is no light in them. NKJV

Matt 15:9 In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. NKJV

Faith In action

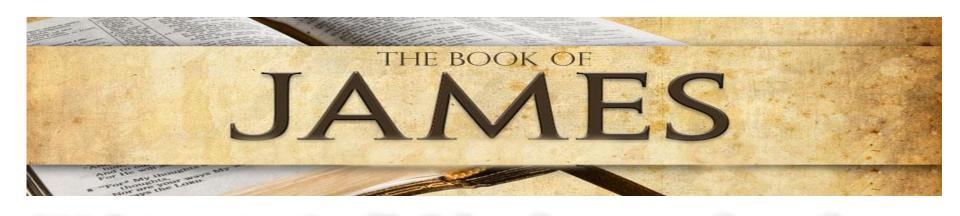
JAMES

1:1 James – probably the brother of Jesus.

Gal 1:19 James the Lord's brother..

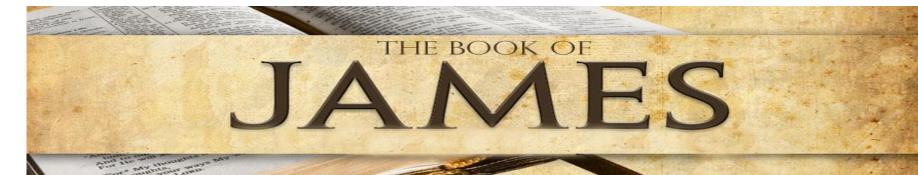
Mat 27:56 Mary the mother of James and Joseph Mat 13:55 His brothers James, Joseph, Simon , Judas

1:1 To the 12 tribes, not churches. (Jas 2:1) Scattered... To the East by Babylonia & Assyria, to West (Asia, Rome, Egypt) in Alexander's time.



Written to Individuals, not churches.

1:5 If any *One* of you lacks wisdom, let him ask v.6 Let *Him* ask in faith nothing doubting v.9 Let Brother of low degree glory in his high... v.12 Blessed is the *Man* that perseveres... v.13 Let no *One* say when he is tempted... v.14 But each *One* is tempted when he is... v.19b Let **Everyone** be quick to hear, slow to...



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- 1:23 For if *Anyone* is a hearer of the Word & ...
- 1:25 *One* who looks intently at Perfect Law..
- 1:26 If Anyone thinks himself religious, yet...

1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit [look after, care for] orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep Oneself unstained by the world.

Lots of things aren't Church Missions But are great for Individuals

Make a Wish Foundation Toys for Tots Ronald McDonald House American Red Cross American Cancer Society Canines 4 disabled kids St Jude Cures for Kids **Wounded warrior project** Florida College Scholarship **Amer Autism Assoc** Cascade Friends Kid's Camp **Boys & Girls Clubs** Docs w/o borders **American Heart Association Kiwanis Shoes for School Kids Special Olympics Mountain States Children's Homes African Wildlife** Mountain States <u>isn't</u> an Orphan Home. But gives training, direction, education & Counseling..

For challenged adolescents & teens.

Ages generally range from 10 -15, could be older



Average stay is 1-1/2 year, but some stay 2-3 years.

From abused, neglected, singleparent, alcoholic homes.

Parents pay if/ or as can afford.

75% of funding is by *individuals*.

6 kids per cottage with Christian house parents.

Kids gain 3.7 lost grade years in 1 year & their family

What We Can Do As Individuals



It doesn't have to be change. Can be a check.

<u>Not</u> made out to the church, <u>Not</u> collected by the church, <u>Nor</u> given to the church.

I was a kid already a challenged kid by age 10! It helps kids, silences critics if they say we just talk.

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Showing Love this Season









Love the person in front of you: in store, on job.

Acts 20:35 Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:



"t is more blessed to give than to receive." NIV



1. We become more like *Jesus*

John 13:15
"I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you."

Acts 10:38
"He went about doing good.."



2. Greater inner Satisfaction!

Acts 20:35
"It is
more
blessed
GIVE than
to receive."



"Clean out the closet day" & give to a charity.

3. You See Your Children leaning *Generosity!*

Prov 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Both ask a person or family out to lunch on Sunday. Help your child write or draw a note of appreciation

3. You Inspire Generosity in Others too!

2 Cor 8:1-2
Macedonia..
in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

2 Cor 9:2 "I boast about you to the Macedonians, namely, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

2 Cor 9:12 "For the ministry of this service is not only fully *supplying* the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God."

5. Other's
Needs are met
and GOD gets
Praised!



It's not the happy people who are thankful. But the thankful people who are Happy.

Luke 6:37 "Pardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap.

For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

6. Other's

BLESS YOU

ABUNDANTLY!



