

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.



THE BOOK OF
JAMES

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*

Toys for Tots

American Red Cross

American Cancer Society

Wounded warrior project

Florida College Scholarship

Cascade Friends Kid's Camp

American Heart Association

Kiwanis Shoes for School Kids

Mountain States Children's Homes

Make a Wish Foundation

Ronald McDonald House

Canines 4 disabled kids

St Jude Cures for Kids

Amer Autism Assoc

Boys & Girls Clubs

Docs w/o borders

Special Olympics

African Wildlife

***Mountain States* isn't 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, single-parent, 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***.

Not made out to the church, **Not** collected by the church, **Nor** 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.

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

Showing *Love* this Season



**Share your Time with others.
Smile at others, show patience.
Forgive someone—it blesses you.
Invite the lonely. Include others.
Compliment, not criticize. 😊**

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

But Why are You Happier ?



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.*”

But *Why* are You Happier ?



HAPPINESS
is really a deep
harmonious inner
satisfaction and
approval.

-FRANCIS WILSHIRE

2. Greater inner
Satisfaction !

Acts 20:35

“It is

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GIVE than
to receive.”

But *Why* are You Happier ?



“Clean out the closet day”
& give to a charity.

**3. You See Your
Children learning
*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***

But *Why* are You Happier ?

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.*”

But *Why* are You Happier ?

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 !*

Today I am
thankful

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

But *Why* are You Happier ?

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!



But **Why** are You Happier ?

7. It catches
the world's
ATTENTION !

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that
you are My disciples, if you **have love**
for one another."

**THANKS BE UNTO GOD
FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT**

JESUS CHRIST

