



## **Marks of a Disciple**

**Growing followers of Jesus love God and love others**

### **I. What does the Bible say?**

Ephesians 3:16-19

<sup>16</sup>I pray that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God

John 15:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. <sup>12</sup> "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

1 John 4:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His only Son into the world so that we may live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us. ;

Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' <sup>38</sup> This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' <sup>40</sup> Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets.

John 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."

## Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he encountered robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> And by coincidence a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan who was on a journey came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, <sup>34</sup> and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?" <sup>37</sup> And he said, "The one who showed compassion to him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

## Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have *the gift of* prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I

give away all my possessions *to charity*, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. <sup>5</sup> It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own *benefit*; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong *suffered*, <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup> it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.<sup>8</sup> Love never fails...

### **What does it means to me?**

- 1. I must first receive and experience God's love for me before I can love God and love others**
- 2. I am most like God and I fulfill the whole Law when I love God and love others**
- 3. Loving God is expressed in obedient action**
- 4. Loving others is expressed in practical acts of sacrifice and compassion**