

“LIVING LOVINGLY”

Introduction:

I Corinthians 13:13 (NIV) “ ... And now these three remain; faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

- Two popular misconceptions
 1. Love is not a _____.
 2. Love is not _____.
- Two things God says.
 1. Love is a _____.
 2. Love is _____.

FOUR WAYS TO DEVELOP A LOVING LIFESTYLE

1. ACCEPT OTHERS _____.

Romans 15:7 (NIV) “Accept one another, then just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”

- Jesus had a bad reputation: Friend of _____.

Romans 12:18 (NLT) “Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone”.

- You agree to _____.

2. ENCOURAGE OTHERS _____.

I Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) “So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

- Three facts of life:
 1. Everybody has a _____.
 2. Everybody needs _____.
 3. Everybody needs a _____.

I Corinthians 13:7 (LB) "If you love someone... you will always believe in him, and always expect the best of him..."

- How? Treat them the way you want them to _____.

3. SERVE OTHERS _____.

I Peter 4:10 (LB) "God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."

- Every Christian has s_____ a_____ (gifts).
- Every Christian should develop a s_____ h_____.

4. FORGIVE OTHERS _____.

Colossians 3:13-14 (NLT) "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love..."

- Two marks of a believer
 1. _____.
 2. _____.
- Two marks of the way Jesus loved
 1. Jesus _____ all He had!
 2. Jesus _____ all He could!

CONCLUSION: MY DREAM

1. See how they _____ one another unconditionally.
2. See how they _____ one another continually.
3. See how they _____ one another cheerfully.
4. See how they _____ one another freely.

Ephesians 3:17–18 (NLT) “Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is.”