

1 John 3 - Whom Have You Loved Today?

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1 John 3:16

16 **HEREBY PERCEIVE WE THE LOVE OF GOD, BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US:** and **WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.**

John 15:12-13

12 *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

- **NO SACRIFICE** in our actions - **NO LOVE** in our heart.
- Just as faith without works is dead, love without sacrifice is not love; but it could be flattery and manipulation.
- "Sacrifice" includes life-altering events, but in the day-to-day routine it means sacrifices of lesser impact such as sacrifices in time, schedule, energies, convenience, money, personal preferences, etc.
- Sacrifice of Time, Energy and Money are tangible markers which can reveal what you really believe, what you really treasure and what you really live.
- The balance - there are times in physical sickness or mental/emotional/spiritual fatigue when you need to break away and care for yourself.

Matthew 14:23

"And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. "

1 John 3:17-18

17 **BUT WHOSO HATH THIS WORLD'S GOOD, AND SEETH HIS BROTHER HAVE NEED, AND SHUTTETH UP HIS BOWELS OF COMPASSION FROM HIM, HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN HIM?**

18 My little children, **LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD, NEITHER IN TONGUE; BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.**

- **Faith** and **Works** are inseparable - you do and you live what you believe.
- **Love** is NOT measured but an emotion or what you say; love is measured by what you no longer have because it's been given away.

James 2:15-17

15 *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,*

16 *And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

17 *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

1 John 4:9-11

9 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

10 *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

11 *Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

1 John 3:19

19 And HEREBY WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF THE TRUTH, AND SHALL ASSURE OUR HEARTS BEFORE HIM.

2 Corinthians 13:5

"EXAMINE YOURSELVES, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH; PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

Luke 10:25–37

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, **THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL THY MIND; AND THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.**

28 And he said unto him, **THOU HAST ANSWERED RIGHT: THIS DO, AND THOU SHALT LIVE.**

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, **AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?**

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and **WHEN HE SAW HIM, HE HAD COMPASSION ON HIM,**

34 **AND WENT TO HIM, AND BOUND UP HIS WOUNDS, POURING IN OIL AND WINE, AND SET HIM ON HIS OWN BEAST, AND BROUGHT HIM TO AN INN, AND TOOK CARE OF HIM.**

35 And on the morrow when he departed, **HE TOOK OUT TWO PENCE,** and gave them to the host, and said unto him, **TAKE CARE OF HIM; AND WHATSOEVER THOU SPENDEST MORE, WHEN I COME AGAIN, I WILL REPAY THEE.**

36 **WHICH NOW OF THESE THREE,** thinkest thou, **WAS NEIGHBOUR UNTO HIM** that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, **HE THAT SHEWED MERCY ON HIM.** Then said Jesus unto him, **GO, AND DO THOU LIKEWISE.**

1 John 3:20

20 **FOR IF OUR HEART CONDEMN US, GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEART, AND KNOWETH ALL THINGS.**

Revelation 12:10

*"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the ACCUSER OF OUR BRETHREN is cast down, which **ACCUSED THEM BEFORE OUR GOD DAY AND NIGHT.**"*

Job 1:11

*"But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and **HE WILL CURSE THEE TO THY FACE.**"*

1 John 3:21

21 **BELOVED, IF OUR HEART CONDEMN US NOT, THEN HAVE WE CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD.**

Matthew 25:31–46

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 **FOR I WAS AN HUNGRED, AND YE GAVE ME MEAT: I WAS THIRSTY, AND YE GAVE ME DRINK: I WAS A STRANGER, AND YE TOOK ME IN:**

36 **NAKED, AND YE CLOTHED ME: I WAS SICK, AND YE VISITED ME: I WAS IN PRISON, AND YE CAME UNTO ME.**

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, **LORD, WHEN SAW WE THEE AN HUNGRED, AND FED THEE? OR THIRSTY, AND GAVE THEE DRINK?**

38 **WHEN SAW WE THEE A STRANGER, AND TOOK THEE IN? OR NAKED, AND CLOTHED THEE?**

39 **OR WHEN SAW WE THEE SICK, OR IN PRISON, AND CAME UNTO THEE?**

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.**

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **DEPART FROM ME, YE CURSED, INTO EVERLASTING FIRE, PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS:**

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, **LORD, WHEN SAW WE THEE AN HUNGRED, OR ATHIRST, OR A STRANGER, OR NAKED, OR SICK, OR IN PRISON, AND DID NOT MINISTER UNTO THEE?**

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, **INASMUCH AS YE DID IT NOT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YE DID IT NOT TO ME.**

46 **AND THESE SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL.**

Acts 24:16

*"And **HEREIN DO I EXERCISE MYSELF, TO HAVE ALWAYS A CONSCIENCE VOID OF OFFENCE** toward God, and toward men."*

1 John 3:22

22 AND WHATSOEVER WE ASK, WE RECEIVE OF HIM, BECAUSE WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT.

- Walking in love towards others creates the heart attitude and the confidence before God that I am not living **SELFISHLY**, but living **SACRIFICIALLY**. Therefore God will hear my prayers because my prayers are not for selfish consumption.

James 4:3 *"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."*