



Grace Norwalk

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

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**What we know to be true about God,
how we view Him
determines how we live our lives**

• Love Is who He Is

what He does with His essence are the expression of His love:

- Sacrificial
- Forgiving
- Patient
- Compassioned
- Faithfulness
- Protection
- His love is permanent.

Isa. 54:10.

***Though the mountains move
and the hills shake,
my love will not be removed
from you***

- 1 John 4:8
- ...*because God is love.*

- **16 God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.**

- Rom. 5:5
- ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

1 John 3:10. NKJVersion

- The Imperative of Love

¹⁰ *In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

1 John 3:10. Christian Standard Bible

¹⁰ *This is how God's children and the devil's children become obvious.* *Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother or sister.*

- **1 John 3:16-18. ESV**

- ***¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.***

How should we respond to God's love?

I. Actions of love toward God:

1. "To Follow Him"

- John 6:26-27

"I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

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I. Actions of love toward God:

1. "To Follow Him"

- John 6:66-68,

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

How should we respond to God's love?

I. Actions of love toward God:

2. "Serve Him".

- A. Serve Him fervently.

Romans 12

10 Love one another with brotherly love; as for honor, preferring one to the other. 11 In what requires diligence, not lazy; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

How should we respond to God's love?

I. Actions of love toward God:

2. "Serve Him".

- B. Serve without nagging or complaining.

Philippians 2

- *13 for It is God who produces in you the will as well as the doing, by his good will. do everything without murmuring and strife,*

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I. Actions of love toward God:

2. "Serve Him".

- C. Do more than is asked of you.

Lucas 17

*10 So also you, when you have done all that has been commanded of you, say: **We are useless servants, for what we were to do, we did.***

How should we respond to God's love?

I. Actions of love toward God:

2. "Serve Him".

- D. Serve without getting tired of doing good.

Galatians 6

- *9 Let us not, therefore, tire of doing good; because in time we will reap, if we do not faint.*
- *10 So, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, and especially to those in the family of faith.*

How should we respond to God's love?

I. Actions of love toward God:

3. "Tell others what He has done for you" "

- Story of leper

Mark 1

- ⁴⁰ *A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”*
- ⁴¹ *Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!”*⁴² *Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.*
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- ⁴³ *Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning:* ⁴⁴ *“See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”* ⁴⁵ *Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news.*

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I. Actions of love toward God:

3. "Tell others what He has done for you" "

- A demon possessed man.
- Mark 5:19
- *"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."*

How should we respond to God's love?

- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. NSAB
- ¹⁴ **For the love of Christ controls us**, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose on their behalf.

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II. Actions of love toward others:

- **What is Love? :**

- 1 Corinthians 13:4

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- **8 Love never fails.**

What is Love?

- *Love is patient*
- *love is kind*
- *It does not envy*
- *It does not boast.*
- *It is not proud*
- *Not selfish, not self-seeking*
- *Is not easily angered*
- *It keeps no record of wrongs*
- *Rejoices with the truth*
- *It protects*
- *It trust*
- *It hopes for the best*
- *Always perseveres...*

“Love Never Fails”

- Matthew 22:36-40. NKJV
- ³⁶ ***“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”***
- ³⁷ ***Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*** ³⁸ ***This is the first and great***
commandment. ³⁹ ***And the second*** ***is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*** ⁴⁰ ***On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”***



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