

## **Loving Well**

### **Ready:**

“Let love be without hypocrisy, detest evil; cling to what is good.” – Romans 12:9

### **Set**

God has called us as His sons and daughters to live a life of love; loving Him first and then loving one another. Jesus so perfectly exemplified a life of love because He was love in the flesh. When we read in God’s Word that He loves us, He means it with His entire heart. God doesn’t just tell us that He loves us, but His actions reflect the posture of His heart. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much, but not only did He love the world, He did something that reflected His love. God sent Jesus to earth as a symbol of His love that if anyone chose to believe in Him, they would live in eternity with God.

God’s love for us is without any flaws; He doesn’t love us more today than He did yesterday. His love is not dependent on who we are or what we have done, and His love never ever fails-- it is real and true forever. God loves us perfectly, and He calls us to love others. Since we are imperfect people, we do not have the ability to love perfectly, but because we have a relationship with God and have the Holy Spirit living within us, we can love others with God’s love.

To love people with God’s love means that we choose to intentionally love one another the way that God loves us. God tells us that He loves us, but He is not a hypocrite; His actions reflect His heart and His words. We should not simply tell someone we love them just because we have been told to, but we should love one another with pure love.

We can love the people God has put into our lives by choosing to love that person because God loves that person. Then, we can continue to love that person by reflecting on God’s love in our actions towards them. God has called us to a life of love, which is not always easy, but when we love one another with God’s love, we can love well and without hypocrisy.

### **Go**

- Have you ever experienced God’s perfect love in your own life?
- What does it look like to love others with God’s love?
- Do you love those around you with a heart of hypocrisy, or do you love well?

### **Workout**

1 John 4:16; John 15:13; Psalm 136:26

### **Overtime**

“Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me no matter what and thank You for Jesus’ example of perfect love. Help me to love others the way that You love me, fill me with Your Spirit so that I can love others well. I love You. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.”

**Bible Reference:**

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