

WHAT KEEPS ME FROM LOVING?

LESSON 5

LOVE AS I LOVED

Personal Study Guide

1 John 2:9-11: Where I'm Walking

If I hate others, where am I walking (v9)?

If I love others, where am I walking (v10)?

2 Peter 1:2-10: Where I'm Looking

What has God provided for me (v3)?

What does He desire for me (v4)?

In the list of what to add to my faith, what is the last quality listed (v5-7)?

What reasons does the passage give for my lacking these qualities (v9)?

2 Timothy 3:1-5: Who I'm Loving

What characterizes men who love themselves (v2-4)?

In preparation for **The Master's Model** for this month, read Luke 7:11-17 and Luke 10:29-37.
(Note: This is a repeat of November's The Master's Model since we did not cover it that night.)

Summarize the account given in the Luke 7 passage:

What possible motivation did the Good Samaritan have for his actions in the Luke 10 narrative, and what lessons can we learn about the proper motivation of pure biblical love?

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Learning Together About Love

Group Discussion:

Group Discussion 1: Discuss together your answers to the 2 Timothy 3:1-5 section of the Personal Study Guide: What characterizes men who love themselves (v2-4)?

Group Discussion 2: What sinful qualities (either from this list or others that you think of) keep you from loving as you know you should?

Group Discussion 3: Considering the Luke 10 narrative of the Good Samaritan, discuss what might have prompted the priest and the Levite to pass by the injured man.

The Underlying Issues:

1. **Where I'm Walking (1 John 2:9-11)**
 - If I am walking in darkness, I will hate others
 - If I am walking in the light, I will love others
2. **Who I'm Loving (2 Timothy 3:1-5)**
 - If I lack love for others, I am selfish—loving myself
 - Love of self characterizes unbelievers and should not characterize believers

3. Where I'm Looking (2 Peter 1:2-10)

- It is possible for me to love others
- God desires to infuse me with His love
- If I lack love, I am focusing on the wrong thing
- If I lack love, I have forgotten something

Jesus Loved the Grieving

Luke 7:11-17

- Jesus went to i_____ places and loved i_____ people.
- Jesus e_____ with the widow's emotional sadness.
- Jesus t_____ the unclean.
- Jesus' demonstration of love brought g_____ to God.

Jesus Taught Us to Love Strangers

Luke 10:29-37

- R_____ without love is worthless.
- Love feels s_____ and p_____.
- Love s_____ to meet another's needs.
- Love's actions are not motivated by a desire for r_____ or a_____.
- Love demonstrates m_____.

More and More Like You

Bob Kauflin

Lord, change my heart from deep within,
Oh, purify me once again..
Renew my mind to love Your truth;
Make me more and more like You.

More and more like You,
More and more like You;
Do whatever You must do
To make me more and more like You.

Lord, cause my will to choose Your ways
In each temptation that I face,
Until Your glory's shining through;
Make me more and more like You.

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