



**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**TWCC Sermon Connection Outline & Notes – “Serving and Giving One Another LOVE”**

**Read 1 John 3:11 - 23 (NLT)** How is your \_\_\_\_\_? It is determined by what and how you have done for others to bless them, benefit them, and build them up. Did you know \_\_\_\_\_ is a verb? The Word “Agape” is the essentially \_\_\_\_\_ in action. **Ephesians 4:29 - 32 (AMPC)** and **Romans 13:8 - 10 (AMPC)**

- The simple yet profound verse is one of the most important imperatives we can heed and receive: **1 John 3:11, 23 (NLT)** - “<sup>11</sup> This is the message you have heard from the beginning: **We should love one another.** <sup>23</sup> And this is His commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, just as He commanded us.”
- We see this imperative of Love in Chapter 4 verse 11: **1 John 4:11 (NKJV)** - “Beloved, if God so loved us, **we also ought to love one another.**”
- How do we fulfill this vital Christian \_\_\_\_\_ of serving and giving \_\_\_\_\_?

**SERVING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE**

**Galatians 5:13 (NLT)** - “For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom **to serve one another in love.**”

- One of the main manifestations of LOVE is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. As we reflect back on **1 John 3:14 (NLT)** which says, “If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.”
- Examples of Giving: **Read 1 Timothy 5:3 - 13 (NKJV)**; and **2 Thessalonians 3:10 - 14 (NKJV)**
- Remember, \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ - an \_\_\_\_\_ word. And if we have the LOVE of GOD abiding in us, we will demonstrate it by our \_\_\_\_\_ of LOVE...mainly \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- John by the Holy Spirit tells us that the lack of \_\_\_\_\_ is evidence that saving \_\_\_\_\_ has not come to the forefront. Natural human love is \_\_\_\_\_ and SELF-SERVING. It can turn to \_\_\_\_\_ overnight. The LOVE of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; others \_\_\_\_\_. It lives to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ loving service to others. As a Christian Believer we \_\_\_\_\_ our time, talent, treasure and testimonies for the benefit of the Kingdom of God and others. We are in a process of going from a \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ choosing when or if we will \_\_\_\_\_ and/or who not to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **7 Points to Consider**
  - (1) Volunteering is an \_\_\_\_\_; Serving is an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Volunteers focus on what they gave; Servants focus on what He (Jesus) gave.
  - (3) Volunteers often keep \_\_\_\_\_; But Servants make \_\_\_\_\_. See, when you start keeping score; you get frustrated, you get disgruntled and you get discouraged. Don’t fall into the trap of keeping \_\_\_\_\_.

- (4) Volunteers are \_\_\_\_\_ SENSITIVE; Servants are \_\_\_\_\_ SENSITIVE. They focus on the time. There will come \_\_\_\_\_ at an inconvenient \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) Volunteering makes us look \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. "I did..." "I used to..."; resume; etc.); Serving makes God look GOOD. It's not so much as you're noticed, but that He (The Lord) is noticed.
- (6) Volunteering is about \_\_\_\_\_; Serving is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- (7) Volunteering can make people feel \_\_\_\_\_; Serving is about \_\_\_\_\_.

## WE ARE TO LIVE A LIFESTYLE OF LOVE

**Read 1 John 4:16 - 19 (NLT)**

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### • **Let's see how these Verses clarifies how to practically live this 'Lifestyle of Love':**

- (1<sup>st</sup>) We have to \_\_\_\_\_ how much God loves us.
- (2<sup>nd</sup>) We have to put our \_\_\_\_\_ in His love!
- (3<sup>rd</sup>) We must understand that when we \_\_\_\_\_ in love, we live in God.
- (4<sup>th</sup>) As we \_\_\_\_\_ in God, our love \_\_\_\_\_ more perfect.
- (5<sup>th</sup>) Our \_\_\_\_\_ love expels all fear!
- (6<sup>th</sup>) If we tolerate or are tormented by fear, it shows and indicates that we have not fully experienced God's \_\_\_\_\_ love.
- (7<sup>th</sup>) We are moved and motivated to \_\_\_\_\_ each other because He \_\_\_\_\_ us first!

## IT'S IMPORTANT WHO AND WHAT WE 'PUT ON' EVERYDAY

- **Read Romans 13:11 - 14 (NKJV).** We must PUT \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Read Ephesians 4:17 - 24 (NKJV).** We must PUT \_\_\_\_\_ the old man and PUT \_\_\_\_\_ the new man!
- **Read Colossians 3:1 - 11 (NKJV).** We must also put off \_\_\_\_\_ and put on \_\_\_\_\_!
- **Colossians 3:12 - 14 (NKJV)** - *"<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also **must do**. <sup>14</sup>But above all these things **put on love**, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."*

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