


Introduction


What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

- Jesus is our Savior and Lord. Romans 12:1-2
- We live as a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
- We use our gifts to serve others for God's glory. Romans 12:3-8
- We love one another, even our enemies. Romans 12:9-21




We will have the greatest impact on the world around us when our preaching of the gospel is combined with love in action.


I. Love is the one debt we will never fully repay. Verse 8




Christian financial advisors will sometimes quote this verse to say that a Christian shouldn't have any debt, but that is not the primary purpose of this verse.



Jesus said, "Give to the one who asks you and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:42




Instead, Paul is emphasizing that love is an ongoing obligation for the believer at all times and in all places. "We love because he first loved us." I John 4:19




That doesn't mean that loving our neighbor is easy or that it doesn't take work.
Love requires thoughtfulness and care.


II. Love is the fulfillment of the law.
Verses 8-10




The goal of the law was to help us live in a right relationship with God and with one another.



When we love, we fulfill the law to its highest measure. We fill it to the brim.
Romans 8:4 and Galatians 5:22-23




Love is committed to the sanctity of marriage.
Love is committed to the sanctity of life.



Love does no harm to its neighbor.

- Love respects other people's property.
- Love shares with others from what it has.



Conclusion

There are many ways that we can put our love in action.

- Life Care Center
- Missionary Evangelism to Corrections
- Youth Center
- Sharing Shop
- Food Shelf
- Car Care Ministry
- Stephen Ministry
- Mission Trips

What does God want you
to do?
How will you use your gifts
for God's glory?



*"Dear Children, let us
not love with words or
tongue, but with actions
and in truth."*
I John 3:18

