

### **Matthew 5:23-24**

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

### **I John 2:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup>Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. <sup>11</sup>But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

### **Matthew 22:36-39**

<sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"  
<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

### **John 13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### **John 15:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command.

### **Ephesians 4:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## **How do we live a life worthy of the calling we have received?**

1. Live a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ  
Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

2. Living a life of humility produces \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Models of meekness:**

**Jesus** at His trial (Matt. 27:11-14), in denouncing the Pharisees (Matt. 23:13ff), in purging the Temple (John 2:14-17)

**Moses** "was very meek, above all the men which were on the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3), confrontation with Pharaoh (Ex. 5:1), rebuke of the Israelites worshipping the golden calf (Ex. 32:19-20)

3. Living a life of humility and gentleness produces \_\_\_\_\_.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:14**

And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

4. A life of humility, gentleness, and patience is carried out through \_\_\_\_\_ love.

### **1 Peter 4:8**

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

**Matthew 5:43-48**

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup>But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

5. Only when we live a life of humility, gentleness, patience, and forbearing love can we be \_\_\_\_\_.

**What's Love Got To Do With It?**

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Join us Wednesday nights at 6:15 for this verse-by-verse study.