

Net Mending Week 8

1 John 3:11-24

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹²Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. ¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Levels of Love

1. _____

- Human love is a _____ - _____ love.

Matthew 5:43-44

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

- Abel, like Jesus, revealed the _____ of man.
- Love born from God is exclusively able to love the _____.

2. _____

- Hatred is to _____ what lust is to _____.

Matthew 5:21-30

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

- Murder leads to _____ prison while hatred leads to _____ prison.
- Christ's _____ toward us is the antidote for hatred.

Titus 3:3-6

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

3. _____

- Christian love is daily laying down my _____ and picking up yours.
- Self _____ is the first law of physical life while self _____ is the first law of spiritual life.
- Christianity is more about what we do that what we _____ from.
- _____ always stir the heart of the redeemed.

John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- Indifference is the grandchild of _____.

4. _____

- Love involves more than emotional words; love calls for _____.

*Being indifferent
to another's
needs means
robbing yourself
of what you need
most.*

James 2:15-16

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

- Christian love is the cure for a _____ heart.

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

- Christian love is the cure for a weak _____ life.
- The secret of effective prayer is _____, and the secret of obedience is _____.

Psalms 66:18

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

John 14:15

"If you love me, you will obey what I command.

- Love is the evidence of a _____ - _____ life.