



# Christianity In Real Life

Exceptional Love with Exceptional Motives

Luke 6:31-36

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**1. Identify** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.31, 36)

**31** *And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*

**32** *If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.*

**33** *And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.*

**34** *And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.*

**35** *But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.*

**36** *Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. (ESV)*

**2. Refuse** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.32-34)

**3. Measure** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.35)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Though not often articulated, what are some of the world's misguided definitions of love?
2. Read **1 John 3:16**. How does a passage like this challenge the average Christian's assumptions about what it means to "love" people?
3. Read **Romans 12:9-13**. What are some of the aspects of this broad description of biblical love that are currently deficient in the way you express love to the people in your life? What specific steps can you take to incorporate these missing elements into your words and actions?
4. Read **Philippians 2:1-11**. Why is it important to always remember the context (i.e., vv.1-5) when we consider this classic text on Christ's incarnation (vv.6-11)? What are some of the implications about Christian love that are often missed when we divorce the two sections of this passage?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**. What impact might it have if your love looked more like this passage?

## The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

### January 19<sup>th</sup>

Gen.44-45 & Mt.14:1-21

### January 20<sup>th</sup>

Gen.46-48 & Mt.14:22-36

### January 21<sup>st</sup>

Gen.49-50 & Mt.15:1-20

### January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ex.1-3 & Mt.15:21-39

### January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ex.4-6 & Mt.16

### January 24<sup>th</sup>

Ex.7-8 & Mt.17

### January 25<sup>th</sup>

Ex.9-10 & Mt.18:1-20

### January 26<sup>th</sup>

Ex.11-12 & Mt.18:21-35

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass Bible Church website ([CompassChurch.org](http://CompassChurch.org)).

Msg. # 11-05 – **Sincerely Loving God's People**

Msg. # 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

Msg. # 05-02 – **Learning the Art of Biblical Compassion**

Msg. # 01-09 – **Cultivating Genuine Kindness**

Msg. # 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**

Msg. # 04-07 – 04-10 – **Prompted by Love** (a four-part series on selfless love)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

Allender, Dan and Tremper Longman. **Bold Love**. Reprint. NavPress, 1993.

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Hendricks, Howard G. **Say it With Love**. Victor Books, 1972.

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Mack, Wayne A. **Humility: The Forgotten Virtue**. P & R Publishing, 2005.

Mahaney, C. J. **Humility: True Greatness**. Multnomah Press, 2005.

Moffatt, James. **Love in the New Testament**. Smith Publishing, 1930.

Morris, Leon. **Testaments of Love: A Study of Love in the Bible**. Eerdmans, 1981.

Scott, Stuart. **From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishers, 2003.

Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.