

YEAR OF GROWTH

LOVE WEEK 3

EXAMPLES

New Testament:

There are many examples of men and women in the New Testament who demonstrate love. Of course, Jesus is the greatest example of all. We will focus on several who help us to understand the nature and action of true love.

Day One – Sunday

Reflect on the definitions of the words that God used to describe love. Think back over the previous lessons. Read again the passages that you have written. Recall the verses you have memorized. Focus on the meaning of love and prepare to explore important Bible examples.

Day Two – Monday

Matthew 3:13-17

The first time any form of the word “love” is found in the New Testament is here. Just like the first use of “love” in the Old Testament, it references the love of a Father for His only-begotten Son, the Son of promise. Jesus was beloved of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, God was “well pleased” with the life and obedience of Jesus. Truly, they were one.

Day Three – Tuesday

John 3:13-16

The love that God the Father had for His Son is amazing to try to comprehend. But one must not fail to recognize God’s love for His children by creation. God “so loved” the world of humanity that He was willing to give His beloved Son as a sacrifice for sin! There is no greater example of true love – seeking what was best for us, God gave His Son and Jesus gave His life.

Day Four – Wednesday

Mark 10:17-22

When the rich, young ruler came to Jesus, the Bible declares that Jesus loved him. Because He loved him, Jesus told this man what he needed to hear, not what he wanted to hear. True love speaks the truth. Because He loves us, Jesus has given us the Truth of His Gospel – not always what we want, but what we need.

Day Five – Thursday**Luke 7:44-48**

The woman who broke the alabaster box of ointment and anointed Jesus demonstrated great love. The perfume was an expensive sacrifice to make. But, more than that, she showed great humility in washing the feet of Jesus with her tears and wiping them with her hair. Why did she love Him so greatly? Because her many sins were forgiven! Have your sins been forgiven? Do you love the Lord as extravagantly as she did?

Day Six – Friday**John 11:33-36**

The Bible states that Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (11:5). He had shown His love in their fellowship and friendship. Now He demonstrated His love in their grief. Jesus was present with them. Jesus sympathized and wept with them. True love is active not only in good times, but also in times of sorrow.

Day Seven – Saturday**Revelation 12:9-11**

The early Christians demonstrated great love for the Lord as they endured terrible persecution and hardship. They overcame persecution from the Jews, the Romans, and the Devil himself because they loved the Lord more than they loved their own lives. They were willing to die in order to remain faithful to Jesus. This is a powerful example of true love.