

**three truths to remember every day***(Adapted from The Purpose-Driven Life by Rick Warren)***1.**

Make love your **greatest aim**. . . *1 Corinthians 14:1a LB*

[Jesus said,] “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. There is **no commandment greater** than these.” *Mark 12:30–31 NV*

The **only thing that counts** is faith expressing itself in love. *Galatians 5:6b NV*

The **entire law is summed up** in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” *Galatians 5:14 NV*

**Above all**, love each other deeply. . . *1 Peter 4:8 NV*

Three things will last forever — faith, hope, and love — and the greatest of these is love. *1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT*

**2.**

Dear children, let’s not merely **say** that we love each other; let us show the truth by our **actions**. *1 John 3:18 NLT*

**3.**

Make the most of **every opportunity**. . . *Ephesians 5:16a NLT*

**NEXT WEEKEND:** *The entire church lobby will be filled with dozens of ways for you to show love in practical ways! World Outreach Week features inspiring stories and opportunities!*

If you can help your neighbor now, **don’t say, “Come back tomorrow,** and then I’ll help you.” *Proverbs 3:28 NLT*

**the bottom line:**

**CHRIST’S LOVE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ ME!**

Walk in the way of love, **just as Christ loved us** and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2 NV*

# daily meditations

## monday

Look back over your notes from the past weekend. Which of the three points hits home the most for you?

Chris and Kerry Shook ask these questions: If you only had one month to live, whom would you want to spend time with?

To whom do you need to apologize?

Who needs to be assured today that you love them?

What keeps you from doing these things now?

*Ask God to help you love others — demonstrated in practical ways — this week.  
Ask Him to help you make this your highest value.*

## tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 13. List the seven characteristics of love in these verses:

List the 8 characteristics of what love is not:

How is this different from the way love is perceived and defined in our culture?

Where are you weakest? How can you improve in this area today?

*Ask God today to help you better reflect that aspect of love!*

## wednesday

Read Romans 12:9–21. List some of the practical ways Paul says to show love in these verses:

Which of these takes time?

In what ways is love more than an emotion, according to these verses?

What sort of person is difficult for you to love? Why?

*Ask the Lord to help you see these people through His eyes. Ask Him to help you show love to others with the same kind of mercy God shows you!*

## thursday

Read Romans 13:8–12. How does Paul emphasize the point that the best time to love is now?

How is love a fulfillment of the law?

How would you show love if you knew your life would end in one month?

*Ask God to bring to mind a specific loving deed you can do today!*

## friday

Read Matthew 22:34–40. What do you think it means to “love God with all your heart, soul, and mind”?

What does it mean to “love your neighbor as yourself”?

What competes with these values in the lives of many people today? In your life?

How can you keep your focus on what really matters?

*Ask God to maintain your focus on Him today, orienting your words and actions in His direction!*

## saturday

*Catch up on any devotions you may have missed, and pray for the World Outreach Week!*



Memory Verse

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*Mark 12:30–31 NIV*