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### EPHESIANS 5:1-2 (NIV)

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and 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.

# 1 JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

This 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 and sisters.



**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NIV)** [4] Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NIV)** [5] It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.



### **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NIV)** [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.



### **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NIV)** [7] It always protects, always trusts,

always hopes, always perseveres.

MATTHEW 5:43-44 (NIV) [43] You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." [44] But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

# ROMANS 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

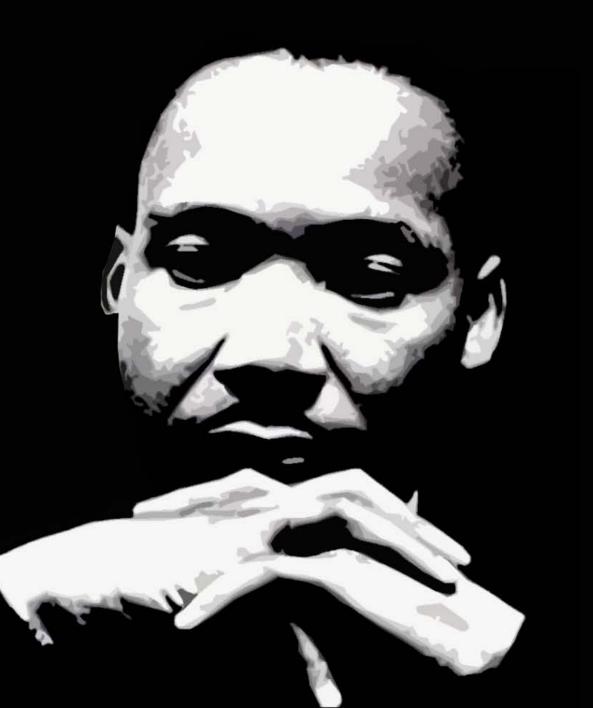


#### **MATTHEW 5:48 (NIV)** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**JOHN 1:10-12 (NLT)** [10] He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. [11] He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. [12] But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Love is a settled purpose to act in a way that brings about the well-being of another person regardless of how they respond.

Tim Mackie



Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. ...love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Strength to Love **ROMANS 5:10 (NLT)** For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.