The Messenger



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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Love Verses to Meditate on:

Romans 12:9-21

- 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to the Lord;
- 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
- 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.
- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in your own estimation.
- 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written,
- "Vengeance is Mine, and I will repay," says the Lord.
- 20 "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 5:43-48

- 43 You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy."
- 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you
- 45 in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."
- 46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax gatherers do the same?"
- 47 "and if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?"
- 48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

What Does Love Look Like on This Very Day?

- Talking to a neighbor at the mailbox
- Picking one new person to talk to each worship service
- Greeting my husband happily when he comes home
- While driving, letting people in who are merging
- Holding the door for someone
- Asking the checkout person a question and caring about the answer
- Calling one person during the week who missed services for a real conversation
- Making one visit a month to an ailing person
- Playing a game with my children
- Watching someone's child for them
- Looking for someone to talk to who looks uncomfortable at services
- Bringing a meal (or part of a meal) to someone who is struggling or stressed
- Having someone into my home for dinner, dessert or coffee and visiting
- Sending one card this week to someone who is discouraged
- Asking someone to study with me
- Sharing my struggles with someone
- Asking a question to someone that is more than weather related
- Answering a "How are you" with more than a "fine"
- Smiling more
- Sharing my thankfulness about my Maker's gifts with someone casually: "What a gorgeous day God has given us!"
- Inviting someone to do a good work with me, sharing the wealth
- Helping someone accomplish a dreaded errand
- Listening
- Telling the truth with kindness
- Forgiving
- Letting someone go first in a grocery line
- Doing laundry with a happy thankful heart
- Being an emotional support to someone who is trying to make changes in his/her life
- Being patient (waiting with a happy heart)...in traffic, with a late husband, with a slow child, in a grocery line, for change in others
- Obeying God even when it doesn't feel good and I don't understand His reasons
- Teaching the truth with gentleness
- Disciplining my children consistently
- Making a healthy dinner for my family
- Hoping good about others
- Building up with my tongue
- Looking at everyone with God's adoring eyes

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." - James 5:16