

A Father's Love  
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Principles to Reflect & Study

Read and meditate on the following passages and expressions of Biblical love. As you contemplate each one, think about instances in your life when you have seen the fruit of God's love.

**“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord. Lev. 19:18**

**<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>31</sup> and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[g]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31**

**<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16**

Are there any places in your life you are not following God's commands to love as you should? Have you been ignoring those who God has called you to love? Where have you found it difficult to express love the way God has commanded you?

Pray first for forgiveness for the times in which you have withheld love for others. Ask the Holy Spirit to turn your heart to repent of this attitude and lead you into a greater desire to love all those whom God has created. Love sacrificially, love even when it hurts to love.