

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

The One Good Debt

Worksheet 22: **April 7, 2016**—*agape*'

Resultant to God's unbounded love for us, we who believe on him and trust in him, will love Him back (**1 Corinthians 16:22**). We also will love one another! We should strive to have only one debt—the "debt of love"! Where will our love come from? Why does it come? And how will our love show itself?

"Love Him more than yourself and His glory more than your life."

—Bishop Fenelon

"Our love to Him is the fair offspring of His love for us."

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

To dwell in love with saints above
Oh, that will be glory.
But to dwell below with saints I know—
Now that's a different story.

—unknown

Let's do not be delinquent on our continuing debt to love!

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Leviticus 25:35

Psalm 42:8

Psalm 107:43

1 Corinthians 16:22

1 John 3:16-17

Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 13:8a "*Let no debt remain outstanding, except **the continuing debt to love one another**, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.*"

Prayer Requests and Praises:

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Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Where do we get ‘love’—real love—the kind that will last throughout eternity? Check the **only** appropriate statement below.

- We must put forth our best effort at ‘love’.
- We must work ‘love’ up by practice.
- We must ask God for His ‘love’.
- We must study ‘love’ and attempt to emulate.

2. Of the following true statements about ‘love’, which one is the most precious or profound to you, and why? (A) **The opposite of ‘love’ is not hate, it is selfishness;** (B) **‘love’ is not getting but giving,** and (C) **‘love’ is a choice and not a feeling.**

A,B,or C _____ WHY? _____

3. As you read Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s poem, **circle** the word ‘love’—all ten times.

“**How do I love thee?** Let me count the ways.
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
 For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
 I love thee to the level of every day’s
 Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
 I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
 I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
 I love thee with the passion put to use
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood’s faith.
 I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
 With my lost saints—I love thee with the breath,
 Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if God choose,
 I shall but love thee better after death.”

Recommended Reading:

What Angels Wish They Knew, Alistair Begg

Morning and Evening (28 December)
Daily Readings by Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

“I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword” Matthew 10:34.

“The Christian will be sure to make enemies. It will be one of his objects to make none; but if **to do the right**, and **to believe the true**, should cause him to lose every earthly friend, he will count it but a small loss, since his great Friend in heaven will be yet more friendly, and reveal Himself to him more graciously than ever.

“O ye who have taken up His cross, know ye not what your Master said, *‘I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother; and a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.’* Christ is the great Peacemaker; but before peace, He brings war. Where the light cometh, the darkness must retire. **Where truth is, the lie must flee; or, if it abideth, there must be a stern conflict, for the truth cannot and will not lower its standard, and the lie must be trodden underfoot.**

“If you follow Christ, you shall have all the dogs of earth yelping at your heels. If you would live so as to stand the test of the last tribunal, depend upon it, the world will not speak well of you. He who has the friendship of the world is an enemy to God; but if you are true and faithful to the Most High, men will resent your unflinching fidelity, since it is a testimony against their iniquities.

“Fearless of all consequences, you must do the right. You will need the courage of a lion unhesitatingly to pursue a course which shall turn your best friend into your fiercest foe; but for the love of Jesus you must thus be courageous. **For the truth’s sake to hazard reputation and affection, is such a deed that to do it constantly you will need a degree of moral principle which only the Spirit of God can work in you;** yet turn not your back like a coward, but play the man. Follow right manfully in your Master’s steps, for he has traversed this rough way before you.

“Better a brief warfare and eternal rest, than false peace and everlasting torment.”