



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

*Our mission is to mobilize the Church to  
transform lives and communities  
In the Name of Christ.*

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) brings Christian churches together, across denominational lines, to help the poor by meeting immediate needs such as food and clothing, to longer-term responses through relational ministries such as life skills training and transitional housing.

More than 140 Love INC affiliates in 30 states are helping over 1 million people in need each year through more than 9,000 churches, 6,000 community agencies, and 300,000 volunteers. Through Love INC, caring Christians are providing help, hope, and God's love to neighbors in need.

## ***Scripture Verses about Poverty, Hunger, Helping, and Charity***

### **The Old Testament**

“Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt. Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.” *Exodus 22:21-24*

“Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because you were aliens in Egypt. For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it.” *Exodus 23:9-12*

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God.” *Leviticus 19:9-10*

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“If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him as you would an alien or a temporary resident, so he can continue to live among you.” *Leviticus 25:35*

“And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.” *Deuteronomy 10:19*

“Do not eat anything you find already dead. You may give it to an alien living in any of your towns, and he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner.” *Deuteronomy 14:21*

“At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that ... the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.” *Deuteronomy 14:28-29*

“If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs.” *Deuteronomy 15:7-8*

“Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: ‘The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near,’ so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” *Deuteronomy 15:9-10*

“There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.” *Deuteronomy 15:11*

“When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.” *Deuteronomy 24:19*

“When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow.” *Deuteronomy 24:20*

“When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow.” *Deuteronomy 24:21*

“When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. Then say to the Lord your God: ‘I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them.’” *Deuteronomy 26:12-13*

“Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow. Then all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’” *Deuteronomy 27:19*

“As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, ‘Even if she gathers among the sheaves, don't embarrass her. Rather, pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her.’” *Ruth 2:15-16*

“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.” *1 Samuel 2:8*

“In famine he will ransom you from death...You will laugh at destruction and famine.” *Job 5:20-22*

“For he has oppressed the poor and left them destitute...‘Surely he will have no respite from his craving; he cannot save himself by his treasure...In the midst of his plenty, distress will overtake him; the full force of misery will come upon him.’” *Job 20:19-22*

“Is not your wickedness great? Are not your sins endless?...You gave no water to the weary and you withheld food from the hungry...And you sent widows away empty-handed and broke the strength of the fatherless. That is why snares are all around you, why sudden peril terrifies you.” *Job 22:5-10*

“They thrust the needy from the path and force all the poor of the land into hiding...the poor go about their labor of foraging food...Lacking clothes, they spend the night naked; they have nothing to cover themselves in the cold...Lacking clothes, they go about naked; they carry the sheaves, but still go hungry...‘There are those who rebel against the light, who do not know its ways or stay in its paths.’” *Job 24:4-13*

“Whoever heard me spoke well of me, and those who saw me commended me, because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist him. The man who was dying blessed me; I made the widow's heart sing. I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban.” *Job 29:11-14*

“If I have denied the desires of the poor or let the eyes of the widow grow weary, if I have kept my bread to myself, not sharing it with the fatherless...if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing, or a needy man without a garment, and his heart did not bless me for warming him with the fleece from my sheep...then let my arm fall from the shoulder, let it be broken off at the joint.” *Job 31:16-22*

“But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.” *Psalms 9:18*

“‘Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise;’ says the Lord.” *Psalms 12:5*

“Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.” *Psalms 40:17*

“Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble.” *Psalms 41:1*

“The Lord hears the needy.” *Psalms 69:33*

“Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord do not delay.” *Psalms 70:5*

“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.” *Psalms 82:3*

“Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” *Psalm 82:4*

“Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy...In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.” *Psalm 86:1-7*

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.” *Psalm 112:9*

“I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.” *Psalm 140:12*

“Blessed is he...whose hope is in the Lord his God...He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.” *Psalm 146:5-7*

“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow’—when you now have it with you.” *Proverbs 3:27-28*

“A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.” *Proverbs 11:17*

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain.” *Proverbs 11:24-26*

“He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.” *Proverbs 14:21*

“He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” *Proverbs 14:31*

“He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker.” *Proverbs 17:5*

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.” *Proverbs 19:17*

“If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.” *Proverbs 21:13*

“He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.” *Proverbs 21:21*

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” *Proverbs 22:9*

“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.” *Proverbs 25:21*

“He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.” *Proverbs 28:27*

“The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.” *Proverbs 29:7*

“Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” *Proverbs 31:9*

“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.” *Proverbs 31:20*

“Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.” *Ecclesiastes 11:1*

“Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.” *Isaiah 1:16-17*

“‘What do you mean by crushing my people and grinding the faces of the poor?’ declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty.” *Isaiah 3:15*

“The poorest of the poor will find pasture, and the needy will lie down in safety.” *Isaiah 14:30*

“The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them.” *Isaiah 41:17*

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.” *Isaiah 55:1*

“And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.” *Isaiah 58:10*

“If you do not oppress the alien, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your forefathers for ever and ever.” *Jeremiah 7:6-7*

“Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street.” *Lamentations 2:19*

“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.” *Ezekiel 16:49*

“Suppose there is a righteous man who...gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked...That man is righteous; he will surely live, declares the Sovereign Lord.” *Ezekiel 18:5-9*

“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?” *Ezekiel 34:2*

“Therefore, O king, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed.” *Daniel 4:27*

“I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one.’” *Hosea 2:23*

“The Lord will reply to them: ‘I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully.’” *Joel 2:19*

“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy...The Sovereign Lord has sworn by his holiness: ‘The time will surely come when you will be taken away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks.’” *Amos 4:1-2*

“For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins...you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.” *Amos 5:12*

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” *Amos 5:24*

“Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land...The Lord has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: ‘I will never forget anything they have done. Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn?’” *Amos 8:4-8*

“But I will leave within you the meek and humble, who trust in the name of the Lord...They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.” *Zephaniah 3:12-13*

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor.’” *Zechariah 7:9-10*

“‘So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against...those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me,’ says the Lord Almighty.” *Malachi 3:5*

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## The New Testament

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” *Matthew 5:7*

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” *Matthew 5:9*

“Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” *Matthew 5:42-44*

“And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?” *Matthew 5:47*

“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” *Matthew 6:1-4*

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” *Matthew 6:19-20*

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” *Matthew 7:1-2*

“Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?” *Matthew 7:9-10*

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” *Matthew 7:12*

“Jesus replied, ‘They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.’ ‘We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,’ they answered. ‘Bring them here to me,’ he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.” *Matthew 14:16-20 (Similar to Mark 6:37-44, Luke 9:13-17 and John 6:5-13)*

“It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs.” *Matthew 15:26*

“His disciples answered, ‘Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?’ ‘How many loaves do you have?’ Jesus asked. ‘Seven,’ they replied, ‘and a few small fish.’ He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.” *Matthew 15:33-37 (Similar to Mark 8:1-8)*

“Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, ‘Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?’...Jesus answered, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’” *Matthew 19:16, 21*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." *Matthew 25:31-46*

"I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck." *Mark 9:41-42*

"As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'" *Mark 10:17, 21*

"The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me." *Mark 14:7*

"What should we do then?' the crowd asked. John answered, 'The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.'" *Luke 3:10-11*

"Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.'" *Luke 6:20-21*

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back." *Luke 6:27-30*

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked." *Luke 6:31-35*

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” *Luke 6:36*

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” *Luke 6:37*

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” *Luke 6:38*

“He told them: ‘Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic...If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them.’” *Luke 9:3-5*

“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’ He answered: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’

In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” *Luke 10:25-37*

“Give us each day our daily bread.” *Luke 11:3*

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” *Luke 11:9-10*

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?” *Luke 11:11-12*

“Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” *Luke 12:33-34*

“But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” *Luke 12:48*

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” *Luke 14:13-14*

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.’” *Luke 16:19-25*

“It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.” *Luke 17:2*

“So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” *Luke 17:3-4*

“A certain ruler asked him, ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘Why do you call me good?’ Jesus answered. ‘No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’ ‘All these I have kept since I was a boy,’ he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’” *Luke 18:18-25*

“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house.’” *Luke 19:8-9*

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” *John 13:14-15*

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” *John 13:34-35*

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” *John 15:12*

“This is my command: Love each other.” *John 15:17*

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.” *Acts 2:44-45*

“There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.” *Acts 4:34-35*

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.”  
*Romans 15:1*

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”  
*1 Corinthians 13:1-8*

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”  
*1 Corinthians 13:13*

“Do everything in love.” *1 Corinthians 16:14*

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

“As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’”  
*2 Corinthians 9:9*

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” *Galatians 6:7-10*

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”  
*Ephesians 4:32*

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does.” *Ephesians 6:7-8*

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” *Philippians 2:3*

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” *Colossians 3:14*

“Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?” *James 2:5*

“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!” *James 2:12-13*

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?” *James 2:14*

“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” *James 2:15-17*

“You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.” *James 2:24*

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.” *James 3:17-18*

“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.” *James 4:17*

“Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!” *James 5:9*

“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another.” *1 Peter 3:8*

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” *1 Peter 4:8*

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” *1 Peter 4:9*

“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care.” *1 Peter 5:2*

“Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.” *1 Peter 5:14*

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *2 Peter 1:5-8*

“This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.” *1 John 3:11*

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” *1 John 3:17*

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” *1 John 4:7-8*

“Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.” *3 John 1:11*

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