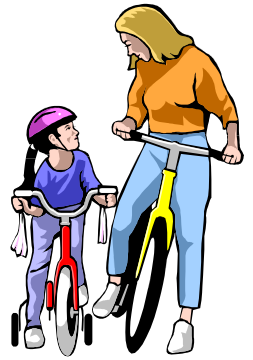




February Morning Watch

February is known as the month of love because of Valentine's Day. This is a special day out of the year that we express our love to others. This month's Morning Watch is going to look at what love is and how it affects our lives. Each day start out with prayer, asking God to teach you something new from His Word and a special way to use this knowledge in your life.



- DAY 1 I John 4:7-10 ~ Where does love come from? What is love according to these scriptures? What are we to do because of this love?
- DAY 2 Isaiah 43:1-4, Deuteronomy 7:7-8 ~ Why does God love us? What did we do to deserve His love?
- DAY 3 Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 103:17-18 ~ What kind of love does God have for us? What does that mean to you?
- DAY 4 John 3:16, Romans 5:8 ~ How did God show His love toward us? Why did He do this? What does this expression of love mean to you?
- DAY 5 Deuteronomy 10:12, 13:3, & Joshua 22:5 ~ What are we commanded to? How can we do this?
- DAY 6 Mark 12:28-31 ~ What are we commanded to do in these verses? How can you demonstrate both parts of this commandment today?
- DAY 7 I John 4:11-16 ~ What are we commanded to do in these verses? What is it a sign of if we do this? How do we get the ability to do this?

- DAY 15 Love does not seek its own. ~ I Corinthians 10:24, 33; Romans 15:1-2 ~ Love thinks less of its own rights and more on its own responsibilities.
- DAY 16 Love is not provoked. ~ Psalm 37:8, Proverbs 12:16, 15:1 ~ To give into our temper is a sign of defeat, yet the man who is master of his temper can master anything.
- DAY 17 Love doesn't take into account a wrong suffered. ~ Colossians 3:13, Jeremiah 31:34
- DAY 18 Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness. ~ Proverbs 24:17, Romans 1:28-32. ~ Love finds no pleasure in anything that is wrong whether in doing the wrong or talking about the wrong or seeing another person doing the wrong.
- DAY 19 Love rejoices with truth. ~ Proverbs 12:17, 19, 22, Zechariah 8:16, and I John 3:18. ~ Even though the truth hurts sometimes, love conceals nothing but desires the truth to prevail.

Once we know that God is love and that He has shown us His perfect love in Jesus Christ, we are commanded to love one another. How are we to do this? It will help if we really understand the meaning of love.

- DAY 8 I Corinthians 13:1-7 ~ Make a list of all the characteristics of love from these verses. Note the King James Version uses the word charity for love.

Let's look at each of these characteristics in more detail. Do the following each day:

1. Write a definition for the underlined word. For the "not" characteristics also write what the opposite would be. (Use a dictionary if you need to).
2. Read the scripture references, note any facts about love. Also note any information about the characteristic.
3. Write out how you will show this characteristic of love today. When the characteristic is a "not", write how you will show love by doing the opposite.

- DAY 9 Love is patient. ~ Proverbs 14:17, 29, Ecclesiastes 7:8-9, Psalm 37:7-9

- DAY 10 Love is kind. ~ Luke 6:31-38

- DAY 11 Love is not jealous. ~ Proverbs 6:34, 27:4, Song of Solomon 8:6

- DAY 12 Love does not brag. ~ II Corinthians 10:12-18

- DAY 13 Love is not arrogant. ~ Proverbs 8:13, Psalm 10:2-4

- DAY 14 Love does not act unbecomingly. ~ I Peter 3:8-9 ~ Love is gracious and never forgets that courtesy, tact, and politeness are lovely things.



We will study the last 5 characteristics based on God's love for us and our love for Him. Because they go together they are harder to put into human specifics. As you look at each day, write down how love is demonstrated in the verses. Then write how you can show this characteristic of love toward those you come in contact with today.

"Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under circumstances and it endures everything without weakening. Love never fails-never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end." I Corinthians 13:7-8 Amplified

- DAY 20 Love bears all things. Psalm 55:22, I Peter 5:7
- DAY 21 Love believes all things. II Timothy 1:12, Proverbs 3:5-6
- DAY 22 Love hopes all things. Hebrews 11:1, 6:17-20
- DAY 23 Love endures all things. James 1:2-4, 12, Matthew 24:9-13 Love doesn't just passively endure but endures to conquer.
- DAY 24 Love never fails. ~ Roman 8:37-39. ~ Love bears any insult, any injury and any disappointment. It never drags into the light the faults and mistakes of others. It sets about quietly mending things rather than publicly displaying and rebuking them.

We are commanded to love one another in John 13:34. Let's see who this "one another" refers to. Read the verses and note the "who" we are to love. Then write down how you can show love to that person today.

- DAY 25 Titus 2:4, Ephesians 5:33, Psalm 133:1
- DAY 26 I Thessalonians 5:12-13, I Peter 2:17, I John 5:1
- DAY 27 Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19
- DAY 28 Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:1

