Loving Like Jesus in a World of Hate
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The Goal of the Christian Life

- Luke 6:40 – A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

To Be Like Him Means to Love

- 1 John 4:8 – Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- 5 times in OT God declares that, while he punishes the wicked for their wickedness, he delights in "showing love to a thousand generations"

1 Corinthians 13

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 – 1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 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 do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 – 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
    - Love is Patient
        - "Patient" = the ability to endure disappointment, trials, misfortune, and delay without complaint, anger, or irritation.
        - Romans 2:4 [NLT] – Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?
    - Love is Kind
        - "Kind" = to be gentle, selfless, merciful, and compassionate toward others, to treat all people with respect and help those who are in need
    - Love Does Not Envy
        - "Envy" = a feeling of discontentment and resentment in conjunction with a desire for the possessions or qualities of another…
            - Aristotle defined envy as "pain at the sight of another's good fortune"
    - Love Does Not Boast
        - Psalm 5:5 – The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong...
    - Love is Not Proud
        - "Proud" = Greek lit. "puffed up, inflated"… to have an overly high, inflated opinion of yourself… You're full of hot air!
        - Philippians 2:5-8 – 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!
    - Love Does Not Dishonor Others
        - Many versions say "Love is not rude"
        - Quote: BibleHub – "True Christian love refuses all conduct – speech, gesture, dress, attitude – that would disgrace another or bring reproach upon the name of Christ.

        - Titus 3:1-2 – 1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.
    - Love is Not Self-Seeking
        - Philippians 2:3-4 – 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
    - Love is Not Easily Angered
        - James 1:19-20 – 19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
    - Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs
        - Jeremiah said that God would "remember [our] sins no more" (Jeremiah 31:34)
        - David wrote that God has cast our sins "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12)
    - Love Does Not Delight in Evil
    - Love Rejoices with the Truth
        - Do you enjoy hearing the truth, even if it's painful and hard to receive?
        - Do you speak the truth, even if it's uncomfortable and might strain some relationships?
    - Love Always Protects, Always Trusts, Always Hopes, and Always Perseveres (vs. 7)
        - Or more commonly: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (vs. 7)
- 1 Corinthians 13:11 – When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.