

HOW TO LOVE OTHERS

1. Why We Love

- You are loved by God

Jeremiah NKJV 31: ³ The Lord has appeared ^{to} me of old to me, *saying*:
“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

John NKJV 17: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Romans NKJV 8: ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- It's our nature to love

Romans NKJV 5: ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

2. Who We Love

- God

1 John NKJV 4: ¹⁹ We love ^{to} Him because He first loved us.

Luke NKJV 7:40-50

- Yourself

Leviticus NKJV 19: ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the Lord.

- Results of loving yourself
- Take care of yourself

Ephesians NKJV 5: ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, ^{to} of His flesh and of His bones.

- **Forgive yourself**
- **Esteem others better than yourself**

Philippians NKJV 2:³ *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

3. Others

- **How to love others: Accept others, Believe in others, Encourage others**

Job NKJV 4:⁴ Your words have upheld him who was stumbling,
And you have strengthened the feeble knees;