

The Way Love Works

Romans 12:1-8 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction: *Biblical Kindness - Where the hospitality and humility of heaven define our lives on earth so that God's character is revealed in all we say and do.*

Love works Best When we're *Devoted* to God

1. _____: Willfully reserve our lives for God's purposes. (Romans 12:1; Hebrew 9:11-12)
2. _____: Willfully allow God to change our lives from the inside out. (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
3. _____: Willfully ask God to help us gain an accurate view of ourselves. (Romans 12:3)

Love works Best when We're *Dedicated* to One Another

1. The Body of Christ: Serving together in _____.
(Romans 12:4-5)

Two Essential Truths:

- In the church everyone is _____.
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2. The Believers in Christ: Serving together in _____.
(Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 25)

- We all have spiritual gifts to _____ others.
- The gifts we possess are for _____ others up.
- We are to exercise our gifts for the _____ of others over ourselves.

Application: Putting Love Into Practice

1. See _____ as God sees you.
 - Godly _____: Receiving ourselves paves the way to us giving ourselves to God and others.
 - Godly _____: Giving of ourselves means celebrating the gifts we see in others.
2. See _____ as God sees them.
 - They are _____ genuine.
 - They are _____ helpful.
 - They are _____ life-giving.

Verse for August 2026 - 1 Peter 1:3-4 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*