

**Love Bomb
Tough Love**

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **Philippians 1:9**

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

Tough to Love:

- I. _____.
"Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." **John 21:17c**
- II. _____.
"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.'
Matthew 25:40
- III. _____.
²⁷"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **Luke 6:27-28**
- IV. _____.
"Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" ¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Mark 2:16b-17

A Reminder to:

- I. **Know the** _____.
You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected. **Matthew 24:44** (NLT)
- II. **Know Your** _____.
13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **14** But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? **Romans 10:13-14** (NLT)
- III. **Know Your** _____.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. **1 Peter 3:15b**

Start Today:

- I. **Pray For an** _____.
And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. **1 Peter 3:15b** (NLT)
- II. **Pray for** _____.
If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
James 1:5

A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. **Proverbs 16:23**

- III. **Pray for** _____.
God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; **Psalms 68:6a**

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Tough to Love:

I. Unknowning.

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II. Needy.

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III. Enemies.

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IV. Outcast.

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A Reminder to:

I. Know the Urgency.

You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected. **Matthew 24:44** (NLT)

II. Know Your Responsibility.

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III. Know Your Story.

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Start Today:

I. Pray For an Opportunity.

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II. Pray for Wisdom.

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