

Walk in Love

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[John 13:34–35 \(NKJV\)](#) ³⁴ **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** ³⁵ **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**”

[John 13:34–35 \(TPT\)](#) “So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. ³⁵ For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you’re my true followers.”

[Deuteronomy 30:16 \(NLT\)](#) “For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations **by walking in his ways.** If you do this, **you will live and multiply,** and **the Lord your God will bless you...**”

BENEFITS TO WALKING IN LOVE?

1. BLESSINGS

[Deuteronomy 28:1–6 \(NLT\)](#) “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. 2 You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: 3 Your towns and your fields will be blessed. 4 Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. 5 Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. 6 Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed.”

2. PEACE

1 John 4:16–21 (NLT) “God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.¹⁷ And as we live in God, our **love grows** more **perfect**. **So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.**¹⁸ Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.¹⁹ We love each other because he loved us first.²⁰ If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?²¹ And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.”

3. GOD’S PRESENCE

John 14:23 (NLT) Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and **we will come and make our home with each of them.**”

4. JOY

Psalms 16:11 (NLT) You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

5. ANSWERED PRAYERS

John 15:7 (NLT) “But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!”

Mark 11:23–25 (NLT) I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.²⁴ I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.²⁵ **But** when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

6. PEOPLE WILL SEE JESUS IN YOU

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How can we love others as Jesus loves us?

- **By helping when it’s not convenient.**
- **By giving even when it hurts.**
- **By devoting energy to others’ welfare rather to our own.**
- **By absorbing hurts from others without complaining or fighting back.**

[1 Corinthians 13:4–7 \(NLT\)](#) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

[Ephesians 5:2 \(NLT\)](#) Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.