



# INCREASE MY LOVE

**ENLARGE MY HEART**

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**PSALM 119:30-32**

I have chosen the way of  
faithfulness; I have set my heart  
on your laws. <sup>31</sup>I hold fast to  
your statutes, LORD; do not let  
me be put to shame. <sup>32</sup>I run in  
the path of your commands, for  
you have broadened my  
understanding.

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**PSALM 119:30-32 (KJV)**

I have chosen the way of truth:  
thy judgments have I laid before  
me. 31 I have stuck unto thy  
testimonies: O Lord, put me not  
to shame. 32 I will run the way  
of thy commandments, when  
thou shalt enlarge my heart.

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## **INCREASED CAPACITY:**

- To love God
  - To love others
  - To love His Word
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## **EZEKIEL 36:25-27**

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

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**EZEKIEL 36:25-27**

<sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you  
and move you to follow my decrees  
and be careful to keep my laws.



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suffer  
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## HOW DO WE GROW IN OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE?

1. Evaluate a passion for God
  2. Examine our motives
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## **1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3**

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. <sup>2</sup> 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.

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## **1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3**

<sup>3</sup> 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.

## **WRONG MOTIVES**

- Money
  - Personal glory
  - Prestige or position
  - Personal comfort
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## **PURE MOTIVES MARKED BY**

- Love for the Lord
  - Love of His Word
  - Love for the lost
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## **DEFINITION**

Lukewarm- serving God in such a way as to not offend the devil.

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## HOW DO WE GROW IN OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE?

1. Remember the focus of our love
  2. Get rid of the sins that easily entangle us
  3. Develop a deeper prayer life
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## **MARK 1:35**

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

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## **LUKE 6:12**

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

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## LUKE 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

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## MATTHEW 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’  
<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,  
<sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. is perfect.

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## MATTHEW 5:43-48

<sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

<sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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