



So We Would Know

John 15:12-15

Labor of Love

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1. Love is not what I _____ for another person.
Love is what I do for another person.
2. Your acts and attitudes toward those around you are _____ as to whose you are.

John 13:35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

3. Our culture teaches us the significance of self.
 - a. You are an _____
 - b. Demand your _____
 - c. _____
 - d. Other people only _____ in my _____
 - e. I can "love" the people who _____ like _____.
4. The love of God poured out on others from us is:

First - a _____ from God (John 15:12)

Second - _____ or doable by the power of the Holy Spirit in us

Romans 5:5b...because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Third - _____ by Christ's love for each of us.

Fourth - a _____ that we are His.

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God — for God is love. NLT

5. We demonstrate true Christian love when:
 - a. We give without a _____ for something in return ... no strings
 - b. We spend ourselves _____ those we aren't drawn towards (people we wouldn't ordinarily like).
 - c. We are willing to _____ to _____ in order to serve others

Matthew 5:46-47

6. To lay down your life for your friends is to lay down your _____ for the needs of others.
7. Sacrificing my personal likes and desires by serving those around me is the _____ of a disciple.



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