

Cultivate Love in a Culture of Self-Centeredness

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INTRODUCTION: Three Love Songs

1 John 3:11 (All verses from the New International Version 1984)
***This is the message you heard from the beginning:
We should love one another.***

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day You will fill me with Yourself and cause Your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

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1. Treat others as your equal.

- Galatians 3:27-28 *²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*
- 1 John 3:16 *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

2. Treat others with compassion.

- 1 John 3:17 *If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?*
- 1 John 3:14 *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

3. Take the first step.

- 1 John 3:11 *This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.*
- 1 John 3:18 *Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

CONCLUSION: My Cup Runneth Over.

Closing Prayer

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