

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Luther & Martha Smith | Papua New Guinea



PRAISE

- Praise God for His faithful provision! He has supplied housing, transportation, and other needs during their time in the States.
- Praise God for 16 souls saved during the Ladies Retreat at Bulolo Baptist Church in Papua New Guinea!
- Praise God for His work in the next generation! Their grandson Dylan has surrendered to God's call to ministry, is serving in a pastoral internship, and recently preached his first sermon.

PRAY

- Pray for the upcoming Youth Camp, September 15–17, as hundreds are expected to attend. Pray for many young people to respond to the Gospel and grow in their faith.
- Pray for the Bible School property leases to be finalized and approved by the Papua New Guinea courts, protecting the homes, classrooms, chapel, student housing, and land essential to the ministry.
- Pray for the Smith's return to Papua New Guinea in early September and for a good report from the cardiologist allowing them to travel and resume their ministry.

SHOWING LOVE IS MORE THAN A FEELING

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Study Date: 09/06/26

Showing Love Is More Than A Feeling

The message in 1 John 3:18 is clear: we should not just speak love, but demonstrate it through our actions and genuine intentions. It pushes us to reflect on the depth of our love for others and challenges us to show it not just through empty words, but through tangible deeds and sincerity. How often do we say we love someone, but fail to show it through our actions? Do our actions align with our words when it comes to expressing love and care for those around us?

This verse serves as a reminder to prioritize meaningful and genuine gestures of love over mere words. We are called to go beyond lip service and delve into the realm of showing love through selfless acts and deeds. Are we truly embodying the concept of love when we merely speak about it, or does love require us to go the extra mile and show it through our behavior and authenticity? Let us strive to love in a way that manifests in our actions and truthfulness towards others, not confined to words.

This verse emphasizes the importance of actions over mere words. It calls us to demonstrate love through tangible deeds, not just verbal affirmations.

The phrase “let us not love with words or speech” challenges us to go beyond lip service. Words can be empty if not backed by corresponding actions. The subsequent “but with actions and in truth” emphasizes that true love manifests in concrete actions and sincerity. This dual call to action and authenticity ensures that our love is both visible and genuine. We can easily say we care without showing it in today’s fast-paced world. Social media amplifies this tendency by allowing us to express support with a click, but real change requires more. Think about a time when someone promised to help but didn’t follow through. How did that make you feel? Now, consider the impact when someone did show up for you. The difference is profound.

This verse calls us to embody love through our actions, making our faith visible and impactful. It’s a reminder that love, in its truest form, is a verb. Let your actions speak louder than your words as you go about your week, and fill those actions with truth and sincerity.

Resource: Godsblessing.com

KEY VERSE

I John 3:18 (NKJV)

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

Read I John 3:11-23 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 John 3:18; Jeremiah 17:9

Love Is More Than A Feeling

1. What is the fundamental message being conveyed to us in I John 3:18? What does it mean for us to *“love in deed and in truth?”*
2. What do we learn about the human *“heart”* in Jeremiah 17:9? Should we follow our own hearts to make decisions? What *should* we follow?

Tuesday: John 13:35; 1 John 3:17

Love Is The Mark Of A True Follower Of Jesus

3. What example was Jesus calling His disciples to follow in John 13:35? What “character” are *we* to project as His followers?
4. Most of us have heard the expression “actions speak louder than words!” How would YOU relate this statement to 1 John 3:17?

Wednesday: Luke 6:34-35

Real Love Isn’t About Getting Something In Return

5. Luke 6:35 calls upon us to *“love your enemies”* and expect nothing in return. That said, *what will* our reward be for our kindness *“to the evil?”*
6. What does Luke 6:34 teach us about sinners? Are we any different than *them* if we lend and expect something in return?

Thursday: I Thessalonians 5:16-18; Psalm 100:2

Love Is Being Thankful

7. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us to *“rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing”* and *“in everything give thanks”* Do YOU achieve these daily?
8. What happens when we serve with a “bad attitude?” Do we gather people to Christ or turn them away? How *should* we serve? (Psalm 100:2)
9. Every morning, before going to work, I read some of God’s word and take time to give Him thanks. When do YOU take time to give Him thanks?

Friday: Hebrews 13:16; John 16:33; James 4:17

Love Is An Action

10. Hebrews 13:16 begins with *“But do not forget to do good and to share.”* What does this convey to us in regard to our gifts and our generosity?
11. What comfort are we given as followers of Christ within John 16:33? While we will *“have trouble”* in this world, *Who* is on the throne?
12. The message is clear to us in Hebrews 13:16 that we must *show* people love through our actions! What happens if we don’t? (James 4:17)