


Basic Habits
Of A Disciple = Love

✓ Love God

"We show our love for God by obeying his commandments, and they are not hard to follow." 1 Jn 5:3

"If you love me, you will do what I have said, and my Father will love you. I will also love you and show you what I am like." John 14:21



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✓ Love Neighbor As Self

"And the second (Great Commandment) is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Mat 22:39

Who is my neighbor?

"But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers." Luke 10:29 -30

Priest, Levite, Samaritan came near the man




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"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36 -37



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"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31

Called the "Golden Rule"

But it means more than just being nice!

If you were sick what would you want others to do for you?

Do the works of Christ to them even as you would want them done to you!



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"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34

The commandment is old - from the Old Testament (Lev. 19:18).

It is new because Jesus interpreted it in a radically new way – love like Christ loved (John 13:34-35).

In church- love shows respect, self-sacrifice, servanthood

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13



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"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace." Eph 4:2

Sometimes it is as simple as:

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Col 3:13



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"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 Jn 4:7

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." Rom 12:10



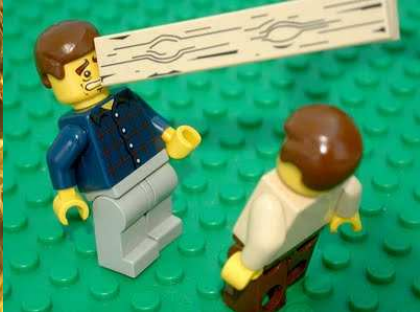
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✓ Do Not Judge

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" Mat 7:1-2

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"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" Mat 7:3



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"You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." Mat 7:5



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To judge is to pass sentence - even condemnation - upon those God loves

- Love the person – God does
- Don't have to love what they are doing

"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand." Rom 14:4

"For we will all stand before God's judgment seat." Rom 14:10

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"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep, but are really wolves that will tear you apart.

"You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit. . . .

A healthy tree produces good fruit, and an unhealthy tree produces bad fruit.

A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. . . .

Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced." Mat 7:15 -20



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✓ Show Love With Actions

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.

But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help – how can God's love be in that person?

Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions."

1Jn 3:16 -18



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"Then the King will say to those on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Mat 25:34 -36



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"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?

Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?

When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' Mat 25:37 -39



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"And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Mat 25:40



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