

A1: Living a Life of Love



Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

**...being confident of this,
that He who began a good
work in you will carry it on
to completion until the day
of Christ Jesus.**



Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.



Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



Ephesians 5:1-7 (NIV)

¹ Follow God's

**example, therefore, as
dearly loved children ² and
walk in the way of love,
just as Christ loved us and
gave Himself up for us as a
fragrant offering and
sacrifice to God.**



**Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV) old
Be imitators of God,
therefore, as dearly loved
children ² and live a life of
love, just as Christ loved
us and gave Himself up for
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and sacrifice to God.**



Genesis 3:1-5 (NIV)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”



2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"



4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



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**Love has its root in trust.
If you keep destroying
trust you destroy love.**



Four Steps to Love, God Style

**1: Understand that our
capacity to love comes from
God**



1 John 4:19-20 (NIV)

19 We love because He first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.



Ecclesiastes 7:16-18 (NIV)

**16 Do not be
overrighteous,
neither be overwise—
why destroy yourself?**



Four Steps to Love, God Style

**2: Understand how much
you are loved**



**I'm a dearly loved child of
God!**



Four Steps to Love, God Style

3: Pay it Forward



Four Steps to Love, God Style

4: Eradicate Love Busters (Trust Busters)



³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.



**4 Nor should there be
obscenity, foolish talk or
coarse joking, which are
out of place, but rather
thanksgiving.**



5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.



**6 Let no one deceive
you with empty words, for
because of such things
God's wrath comes on
those who are disobedient.
7 Therefore do not be
partners with them.**



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