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BOTTOM LINE: BE REBELLIOUS ENOUGH TO DO WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO.

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 JOHN 4:10 NLT

>> JANUARY 5

Have you ever heard someone talk about love in action? God demonstrated love in action when, as the ultimate act of love, He sent His Son so that we could be close to God again. There is no greater example of love in action than this! The question for us to ponder is this: How do we follow God's example? What can we do to show our love for others through our actions?

Today, find a way that you can show your love through acts of service to your family, friends, or even someone you don't know very well. Then, share what you did with your family and challenge them to do the same!

Do everything in love.

1 CORINTHIANS
16:14 NIV

>> JANUARY 6

Do you ever wonder if small acts of service really matter? Can the simple things like picking up trash, or holding the door open for the person behind you, or offering a kind word to a new family at church really make a difference? According to this simple verse, the answer is, when it's done in love, yes! Even our simplest acts of service can remind people of God's love at work in the world. They serve as small ways to show God's big heart to others.

Today, spend some time in prayer, asking God to show you one way that you can do a small thing for others with great love.

This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

1 JOHN 5:2 NIV

>> JANUARY 7

When it comes to figuring out how to use a new item, there are two approaches most people take: read all the instructions before you get started or dive right in and hope for the best. I think we can all agree that often, the second way leads to a lot of frustration! Luckily, we don't have to approach our faith in the same way. We don't have to try to figure out what God has called us to do. Instead, we can look to verses like this to remind us where we start: by loving God and following where God leads.

Today, try to commit this verse to memory. Let it remind you that God has shown us what it looks like to love and follow Him well.

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:2A NLT

>> JANUARY 8

Jesus made it a point to not only talk about how He loved others, but to demonstrate that love through His actions. By doing things like feeding and helping people in need, listening to people, spending time with people that others wouldn't invite in, defending those who were hurting, and so much more, Jesus served others with love. And these are the same acts of service we can do for others today. We can follow Jesus' lead in demonstrating His love to other people in our lives by serving them just as He did.

As a family, come up with a list of service opportunities you can do together to show God's love.

Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.

ROMANS 13:10 NLT

>> JANUARY 9

Sometimes, it can feel hard to follow God. We may spend a lot of time wondering if we're doing the right things or if we're living the kind of lives that God wants us to live. Well, the key to knowing that we are fulfilling God's purpose for our lives isn't checking off a list or doing everything right. It's living with love. When we genuinely love other people, we can be certain that we are living our lives the way God called us to live.

Is there someone in your life that could use some extra love? As you move through life this week, look for ways you can show love to that person.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:17-18 NIV

>> JANUARY 10

We all find ourselves in situations where we need help. Just as we would like for someone to help us, we should help those who are in need. As children of God, we're called to serve others, and we can learn from the example of Jesus.

Although it might mean stepping out of your comfort zone, finding ways to help those in need can bring you joy and help you feel closer to God. Every action, big or small, makes a difference, and you can impact other's lives in wonderful ways.

So, think about one step you can take today to help someone else.

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

MATTHEW 25:40 NLT

>> JANUARY 11

One of the best ways we can serve other people is by encouraging them with truth from God's Word. When someone we know is struggling, we sometimes feel like we don't have a way to help them. But the reality is, we have the ability to encourage and serve the people in need around us simply by sharing Scripture with them. And when we have verses like this one memorized, that is easier to do! Work on memorizing this verse this week. Write it down somewhere you can see it, like on your mirror, or a chalk board, or even on a piece of paper. Each day, cover up a few words from the verse and try to remember the verse without those words. Eventually you'll be able to cover the entire thing and say it from memory!