

Running On Empty

Sacrificial Love

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Sacrifice is a loss or something you _____, usually for the sake of a _____.

¹¹For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. **1 John 3:11, NIV**

Jesus' love is an _____ made by God which grows over time.

¹²Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. **1 John 3:12, NIV**

A _____ heart will not hesitate to sacrifice the good of _____ in an effort to get what it wants. (but it still wants to be seen as good)

¹³Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. **1 John 3:13, NIV**

¹⁸"If the world hates you, keep in mind that **it hated me first.** ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. **John 15:18-19, NIV**

Don't be _____ when society meets the love of Christ with _____. (Your presence exposes it)

¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, **because we love each other.** Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that **no murderer has eternal life residing in him.** **1 John 3:14-15, NIV**

An unwillingness to choose love over hate puts me at incredible spiritual _____.

¹⁶This 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 and sisters. **1 John 3:16, NIV**

_____ sacrifice of sacrificial love was made by Jesus for me. Loving _____ is a reflection of _____ love for me.

¹⁷If 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? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech **but with actions and in truth.** **1 John 3:17-18, NIV**

With love, _____ is _____. Sacrificial love is seen in _____.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus fills me up with sacrificial love. He showed me what true love is by giving his life on the cross, I will respond by reflecting his love in my life.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.