

Colossians 3:12-14(NAS)

12 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;
13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.
14 And beyond all these things {put on} love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

A. WE ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE.

Matthew 22:37-40(NIV)

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
38 This is the first and greatest commandment.
39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

B. WHEN WE LOVE, IT IS OUR VICTORY.

1. NOT WALKING IN LOVE CAN LEAD TO SIN.

James 3:6,8-10-Passion

6 And the tongue is a fire! It can be compared to the sum total of wickedness and is the most dangerous part of our human body. It corrupts the entire body and is a hellish flame! It releases a fire that can burn throughout the course of human existence.
8 but the tongue is not able to be tamed. It's a fickle, unrestrained evil that spews out words full of toxic poison!
9 We use our tongue to praise God our Father and then turn around and curse a person who was made in his very image!
10 *Out of the same mouth we pour out words of praise one minute and curses the next. My brothers and sister, this should never be!*

I John 4:20-21(Passion)

Anyone can say, "I love God," yet have hatred toward another believer. This makes him a phony, because if you don't love a brother or sister, whom you can see, how can you truly love God, whom you can't see?
For he has given us this command: whoever loves God must also demonstrate love to others.

2. NOT WALKING IN LOVE CAN BE AN OPEN DOOR FOR THE ENEMY.

Proverbs 6:16-19(Passion)

16 There are six evils God truly hates and a seventh that is an abomination to him: 17 Putting others down while considering yourself superior, spreading lies and rumors, spilling the blood of the innocent, 18 plotting evil in your heart toward another, gloating over doing what's plainly wrong, 19 spouting lies in false testimony, and stirring up strife between friends. These are entirely despicable to God!

3. NOT WALKING IN LOVE CAN BE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE.

Galatians 6:7-8(TLB)

7 Don't be misled; remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it: a man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows!
8 If he sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death; but if he plants the good things of the Spirit, he will reap the everlasting life that the Holy Spirit gives him.

I John 4:10,11(Passion)

This is love: He loved us *long before we loved him*. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.
Delightfully loved ones, if he loved us with such tremendous love, then "loving one another" should be our way of life!

I need to forgive those who have wronged me.

Mark 11:25(NIV)

25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Luke 6:35(Passion)

35 But love your enemies and continue to treat them well. When you lend money, don't despair if you are never paid back, for it is not lost. You will receive a rich reward and you will be known as true children of the Most High God, having his same nature. For your Father is famous for his kindness to heal even the thankless and cruel.

C. WE NEED TO LOVE BECAUSE IT IS A WITNESS TO OTHERS.

John 13:35(NAS)

35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Matthew 5:23-24(Passion)

So then, if you are presenting a gift before the altar in the temple and suddenly you remember a quarrel you have with a fellow believer, leave your gift there in front of the altar and go at once to apologize with the one who is offended. Then, after you have reconciled, come to the altar, and present your gift.

Romans 5:5-TLB

... "for we know how dearly God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Passion - ... we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!



RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE.

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