

November 20 | Sunday
Relationships and the Good Life

Read [1 John 3:11-15](#)



21 | Mon – A two-part good life | Read [Matthew 22:35-40](#)

Here is a clue about how God defines the good life. The questioner asks which are the greatest commandments in the Hebrew scriptures. Read Jesus' answer. Loving God might be easier at times than loving people. But God calls us to love the way He does - never giving up, no matter what. What might keep you from loving in that way? Are there things you could do today to exhibit God's kind of love to someone who needs it?

22 | Tue – Everything? | Read [2 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Peter makes an astounding statement that God "*has given us everything we need for life and godliness.*" And where does this "*everything we need*" come from? "*...through our knowledge of Him who called us.*" The more we get to know Jesus, the more we can grow to be like him. God has given us amazing promises in scripture help us to grow into the character described in verse 5-7. What promises you have already found?

23 | Wed – All inclusive | Read [2 Corinthians 9:6-8](#)

These words encourage us to give money cheerfully but maybe they refer to even more. Could it be applied to the other things we give...our words, smiles, encouragement, hard work, and gratitude? On those days when you feel empty and have nothing to give, v. 8 reminds you of your source "*...and God is able to make ALL grace abound to you, so that in ALL things at ALL times, having ALL that you need, you will abound in EVERY good work.*" Now *that* is something to write on a 3x5 card and tape to the bathroom mirror!

24 | Thu – Walk the talk | Read [Romans 12:4-5, 9-21](#)

Love is not just a feeling. It is action-oriented - even when we don't "feel" very loving. Paul gives us some very practical ways to walk out a love for others. Check out the list and choose one thing that you can do today, right now, to practice the actions of love.

25 | Fri – Who, me? | Read [Colossians 3:9-16](#)

God offers us a new nature that changes the way we relate to others. We are called to forgive one another as we have been forgiven. Autoimmune diseases happen when our body turns against itself, causing great suffering. What steps can you take to make sure you are not the source of any "autoimmune" problems in Christ's body, the church?

26 | Sat – Role model | Read [1 John 4:7-12](#)

God is not asking us to do something that is impossible. Or is He? Does it seem difficult to love certain people in your life? Yet God set an example for us by loving the world enough to send Jesus "*...that we might live through Him.*" If we are committed followers of Jesus, that is where we find the strength and ability to love beyond ourselves. Who comes to your mind that is a challenge to love right now? Offer yourself as a conduit of God's love to that person and see what will happen.