

# *Love List*

*by Len Evans*

*A new commandment ! give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:34, 35)*

## **NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES.**

### **A. Matthew.**

1. Matt. 5-7 (Notice how much of the Sermon on the Mount is devoted to person-to-person love).
2. Matt. 9:13 and 12:7 (Mercy rather than sacrifice).
3. Matt. 15:1-20.
4. Matt. 18:1-35 (Compare verses 23-35 with James 2:12, 13).
5. Matt. 22:34-40 (Compare with Matt. 7:12-29).
6. Matt. 25:1-13 (Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins; compare with Luke 12:13-48).
7. Matt. 25:31-46 (Judgment based on person-to-person love).

### **B. Luke.**

1. Luke 6:27-49 (Parallel to Matt. 5-7).
2. Luke 11:37-44 (Note especially verses 41 and 42).
3. Luke 12:33 (Compare with Matt. 6:20, 33; 19:21).

### **C. John.**

1. John 14:21-23 (Notice who dwells within us when we love).
2. John 15:8-13 (Note especially verses 10-12).
3. John 15:17 (The secret of much fruit).
4. John 14-15 (Compare this passage with 1 John 4:12 and Isa. 58).

### **D. Acts.**

1. Acts 20:36-38.

### **E. Romans.**

1. Rom. 1:18, 19; 29-31 (Notice that hardness of heart is the end result of sin's process - compare this with the softening process seen in 1 John 4:7-21 and Col. 3:12-25).
2. Rom. 12:9, 10, 16, 21 and 14:17-19.
3. Rom. 13:8-14 (Compare with Gal. 5:1-14):
4. Rom. 14:1-15:7 (Note especially Rom. 15:7).

### **F. 1 Corinthians.**

1. 1 Cor. 7:19 (Compare with Gal. 5:6).
2. 1 Cor. 13:1-14:1 (Pursue love - "Make love your aim").

### **G. 2 Corinthians.**

1. 2 Cor. 9:1-15 (The grace of giving and sharing in love).

### **H. Galattans.**

1. Gal. 5:14-6:3.

### **I. Ephesians.**

1. Eph. 4:1-3 and 4:15, 16. (Note especially Eph. 4:17-19. This passage shows the process behind the hardening of the heart).
2. Eph. 5:1, 2; 5:25, 28 and 33.

### **J. Philippians.**

1. Phil. 1:9-11.

### **K. Colossians.**

1. Col. 1:4 (Compare with 1 John 3:23 and 1 Thess. 1:3).
2. Col. 2:2 (Compare with Phil. 2:1-15).
3. Col. 3:1-23 (Note: You set your affections on things above by demonstrating His love to the brethren).

### **L. 1 Thessalonians.**

1. 1 Thess. 3:12, 13 (Note the definition for "holiness" from the KJV).
2. 1 Thess. 4:9, 10.
3. 1 Thess. 5:8 (See also 1 Thess. 2:19, 20).

### **M. 1 Timothy.**

1. 1 Tim. 1:5 (Now the end of the "charge" ["commandment" - KJV] is love - Love which issues out of a pure heart, a good conscience and a true faith).
2. 1 Tim. 5:9, 10; 6:3 (Note, "wholesome words").

### **N. Titus.**

1. Titus 1:15, 16; 2:7, 8-14 - "Zealous unto good works" (3:14).

### **O. Hebrews.**

1. Heb. 10:24 and 13:1.

### **P. James.**

1. James 1:19-25; 2:1-13 (Compare 2:13 with Matt. 5:7).
2. James 3:10-18; 4:11.

### **Q. 1 Peter.**

1. 1 Pet. 1:22 (Key passage - note "unto" implying "direction toward").
2. 1 Pet. 2:18-4:1 (Love for one's enemies).
3. 1 Pet. 4:8.

### **R. 2 Peter.**

1. 2 Pet. 1:3-15.

### **S. 1 John.**

1. 1 John 1:3,5,7; 4:7-5:2 (All of 1 John emphasizes the person-to-person love which results from the love of God experienced in our hearts).
2. 1 John 3:10-23.

(There are many more emphases in the New Testament which come under the "umbrella" of love's behavior such as purity of speech and conduct, etc., but enough are given here to show it as a consistent emphasis.)

## **OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES**

**A. Deuteronomy** - the whole book is worthy of study as being foundational for all the other passages. (For example, read Deut. 10:12-22).

### **B. Job.**

1. Job 24 and 31.
2. Job 29 (Compare God's estimate of Job in 1:1 and 1:8).

### **C. Psalms.**

1. Ps. 15 (The pure in heart).
2. Ps. 41:1-3.

### **D. Proverbs.**

1. Prov. 1:7 and 8:13 (Key passages).
2. Prov. 3:3.
3. Prov. 3:27, 28 (Compare with Ps. 37 - the righteous man; Ps. 111 - the righteousness of God; and Ps. 112 - the righteous deeds of the righteous man).
4. Prov. 6:17-35.
5. The entire book of Proverbs is a virtual treasure-trove of these truths. Most of the book concerns right conduct between individuals and sincere speech, etc. Such integrity is based on love.

### **E. Isaiah.**

1. Isa. 1:10-20.
2. Isa. 5:1-25.
3. Isa. 58 (Note that God desires "mercy" more than He desires "sacrifice").
4. Isa. 59:1-15.

### **F. Jeremiah.**

1. Jer. 7:1-34.
2. Jer. 31:31-34 (Compare with Ezek. 36:25-38).

### **G. Ezekiel.**

1. Compare Ezek. 18:19-32 with Ezek. 33:10-32.
2. Ezek. 34.

### **H. Amos.**

1. Amos 4:1-3 (Compare with Ezek. 16:49, 50).

### **I. Micah.**

1. Mic. 6:6-8 (These are key verses which were later quoted by Jesus in Matt 23:28).

### **J. Zechariah.**

1. Zech. 7:8-14.
2. Zech. 8:16 (Compare with James 1:27).

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A selection of quotations from Len Evans:-

*"It seems to me that it is easier for God to raise folks from the dead, than it is for us to love each other".*

*"I have expanded and defined 'wisdom' as the God-given art of creative, exciting, adventurous, fulfilling, experimental, just, honest, loving, compassionate, humble, forgiving, accepting, gentle, kind, and warm human relationships."*

*"If Jesus Christ be truly, and in fact, the Son of God and gives us one commandment, if truly He is our wisdom, then does it not make sense that this single commandment is the key to all life, the foundation of all realized dreams and aspirations of faith (Gal 5:6, 14) and the source of abundant life?"*

*"Try it, you'll like it!"*

Leonard Henry Evans  
1921 – 1997

Len Evans was an international Christian conference speaker during the 1970's. His message was that Christians were emphasizing the vertical relationship of praise to God at the expense of the horizontal relationship of loving people. He taught that by loving others in obedience to the second great commandment, we show that we love God and fulfill the first commandment. His "Love List" of Scriptures went around the world to inspire people to take up the adventure of loving others. A copy of the Love List is found in the Appendix to his book, "Love, Love, Love."