

Love is Holy

Prayer Sheet

Romans 12:9 (ESV) *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*

God's love is holy, which means His love has the qualities of transcendence and purity. It's a set apart love, different than anything else we can experience in this life. It's majestic and sacred. It's also pure-there is no selfishness, wickedness or sin in God's love. This is a love He gives us and empowers us through the Holy Spirit to love each other with His love.

Thanksgiving: In what ways have you experienced God's perfect, holy love in your life?

Romans 12:2 (ESV) *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Because God's love is holy it never endorses, aligns itself, or encourages attitudes or behaviours that are unholy. When we grow in love we embrace what is good in God's sight; His good and acceptable and perfect will. When we are growing in holiness, we are growing in loving God!

Personal Reflection: In what areas in your life have you been taking steps to grow in holiness? Try to think of recent, specific examples. If you can't recall anything, ask Jesus to bring something to mind.

Proverbs 8:13 (ESV) *The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.*

Listening Prayer: Ask Jesus if there is anything in your life that is displeasing to Him. Don't disregard even subtle things that He brings up. Ask Him to reveal the impact of this in your relationship with Him and with others.

Confession Prayer: Spend some time in personal confession. “Jesus, I regret (am sorrowful) that I have displeased you. Will You help me see the truth concerning the impact of this area of brokenness in my life and in the lives of those around me.” Ask Him to reveal His love and forgiveness for you.

Listening Prayer: Ask Jesus for one step of obedience that you can take in these areas.

Prayer: “Jesus is there is anything practical that I need to do in order to make restitution (making amends).” For example, make an apology, admit to a trust person in my life my part in a circumstance, etc.

Psalm 96:9 (NKJV) *Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

Listening Prayer: Ask Jesus to give you a word, thought or picture on how He is growing you in loving Him.

Prayer:

- The more we love Him for the beauty of His holiness the more we grow in our desire ‘to hunger and thirst for righteousness/upright living’ (Matt 5:6).
- Ask Jesus to bring continued renewal into your heart, to love His holiness without condemnation or shame.
- Ask Him to help you continually grow in reflecting His love to others through your conduct.