

To Do-ers List: Love Others



Day 2

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37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
Matthew 22:37-40

Since we started our series with God’s Greatest Commandment: Love God, it is fitting that we move on to His second greatest commandment: to **love others** as we love ourselves. Ouch! That is a tall order. In my opinion, it is easier to love God than to love other people. Other people can be annoying. They can let us down. And quite often they don’t love us back. How can we love somebody who does not love us? How can we **love others**?

Fortunately, loving others is a choice we make, which does not depend on their attitude towards us.

[Loving is a choice, not a feeling.](#)



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Identifying others.

Today's verse uses the word *neighbors*. Love my neighbors ... I don't even know some of my neighbors. In the Greek, *others/neighbors* transliterates as *plesion*, which means "neighbor, friend, any member of the Hebrew nation and commonwealth; according to Christ, any other man irrespective of nation or religion with whom we live or whom we chance to meet." Did you notice the spatial/geographical progression of the definition? Neighbor ... friends ... Americans ... any person in the world. So **others** refers to everybody in the whole world. Wow! While it is impossible for me to tangibly love everyone, I can **love others** whom I chance to meet.

Loving others as you love yourself.

How do I love me, let me count the ways. Start by thinking about how you treat yourself. You take the best piece of cake for yourself (the one with the frosting flower). You sit in the chair, which affords the best view of the TV screen. You order first (always) at Panera. You ride in the front seat of the car. When with your friends, everyone eats at **your** favorite restaurant and shops at **your** preferred stores. Loving

others calls for a 180 attitude adjustment.



Do you want others to pray for you? Pray for them. Do you desire mercy? Show mercy. Do you like encouragement? Encourage others. Do you want others to love you? **Love others.**

Love others as you love yourself.

For Today:

Before you start your planning for today, take a moment to pray for God's guidance and power as you seek to **love others**. Today, as situations arise which involve others, think of how you'd wish to be treated and treat them accordingly. Be especially aware of people who:

- cut you off in traffic (you and I have NEVER done this).
- are slow in the checkout lane.
- bring you food you did not order (or forgot to leave off the onions-again).
- are late for an appointment, meeting, or dinner.

Use the To-Doers List Study Guide or a journaling app to plan and journal your day.

- [To Do-ers List Study Guide PDF](#) The study guide is very essential to your learning!
- [Days Lite: My Wonderful Life App](#) free app from App

Store.

For ideas on how to love others, please check the resources below.

- [Love Like Jesus](#)
- [Love By Faith](#)

Don't forget to leave a comment in the comment section below. Have a blessed day. Remember to **love others!**

In case you missed day 1, click on the link below:

[**To Do-ers List, Day 1: Love God**](#)

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22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” James 1:22-25

Welcome to *To Do-ers List* Bible study series. I pray you find this short series beneficial and life changing.

I am a list maker. Most days I start my morning by making my ***to-do list***. My ***to-do list*** keeps me focused and helps me make valuable use of my time. God is a *doer* as well; creating is one of His specialties. We can be listeners, hearers, watchers, thinkers, and gatherers of His word, but there must be a point in time when we become ***doers***.



It is important to note while other Greek words for *hearing* translate as “understanding, perceiving, and *obeying*,” the word used for *hearer* in the verse above means simply *one who passively hears*. No action. No engagement. Classic *in one ear and out the other*. But, God calls us to be **doers** of His word.

The Bible lists many benefits of being **do-ers** of the Word.

1. Correction, instruction, and training (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. Wisdom (Psalm 19:7)
3. Freedom (John 8:32)
4. Life (John 6:68)
5. Strength (Joel 2:11)
6. Greater faith (Romans 10:17)
7. Comfort, revival, and peace (Psalm 119:7-16)
8. Plus many, many other benefits.

God has not given us His Word for information, but for transformation. Therefore, the mission of this Bible study series is to change hearers into **doers**. Each day we will focus on one command from Scripture and apply it to our lives. Every nook and cranny, every chore, errand, and encounter of our lives will be covered in the Word of God.

*Starting July 27th, check our website every morning at 5:00 a.m. to get your **To Do-ers List** for the day.*

From hearers to doers. Are you up for the challenge?

Study Guides:

To help you organize your daily study and record your experiences, please download and print the following PDF, or download the journal app to your favorite Apple device.

- [To Do-ers List Study Guide PDF](#)
- [Days Lite: My Wonderful Life App](#) free app from App Store.

Please add your name to the comment section below if you are up for the challenge. Don't forget to comment on your experience in the comment section below!

****If you are starting late, please access the first six days of the study on the links below!****

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Be a doer of the word.

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1 Thessalonians, A Walk of Faith: Part 17, Always With the Lord

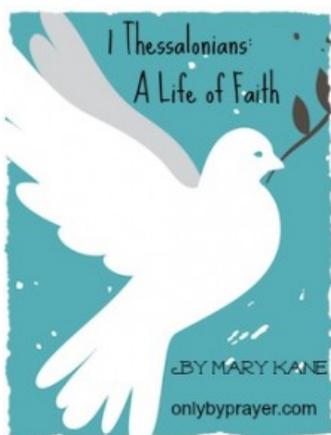
16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.



Always is a very sketchy word in today's culture. Very few things in this life rank the term **always**. "I will **always** love you ... I will **always** be there for you ... I will **always** be your friend." I have heard and believed these phrases only to be disappointed on several occasions. The promise is only as dependable as the one who utters it.

God promises there will come a day when we will be **always with the Lord**. Faith will become sight, no more death, no more sin, no more sorrow, and no more shame. The separation will be over and we shall forever be **always with the Lord**. The promise is only as dependable as the One who utters it.

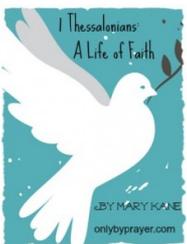
To find out more about [Always With the Lord](#), please click on the link below.

[1 Thessalonians, Part 17: Always With the Lord](#)

1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 13: Pray and Perfect

*9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,
10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith. 1 Thessalonians 3:10*

Picture **perfect** ... *practice makes perfect*. These well-known idioms are part of American culture. People long for perfection. Perfectionism is a cruel task master, especially when one is ... well, ...imperfect. Despite our flawed condition, we continue to seek perfection. We work, strive, and labor for **perfect** test scores, perfect teeth, perfect children, the perfect job, the **perfect** wedding, the perfect vacations, the **perfect** house, the perfect outfit, etc. We try everything except the one thing that will help achieve our goal—prayer. Prayer, however, helps us not to be perfect, but to be *perfected*. Biblical perfection is very different from the human idea of perfection.



What does perfection have to do with a life of faith? The Bible does have a good deal to say about perfection,

“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

Whew! That sounds like a **perfect** impossibility until we read,

“I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” John 17:23

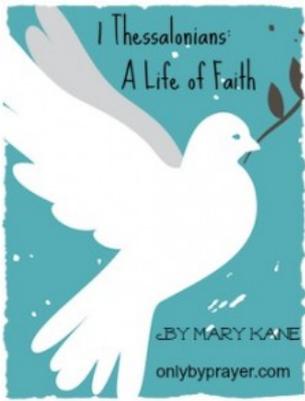
and,

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” Colossians 1:28

God’s plan in for man to be perfected, but Biblical perfection will not be achieved apart from Christ. To learn how to be perfected, please click on the link below.

[**A Life of Faith, Part 13: Pray and Perfect**](#)

1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 11: God’s Co-worker



“ ... and we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God’s co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith.”

Co-workers can be a wonderful blessing. When I was in college, I used to work at a popular pizza place. I had a wonderful **co-worker**. We were so close we often rode to work together. My **co-worker** and I covered for one another at work, traded clothes, shared our hurts and dreams and often saw each other apart from work. Clothes and dreams weren’t the only things we shared, however. On one of our many long trips to work, my **co-worker** shared the Gospel with me. It is because of her witness that I became a Christian.

Our verse above states, “ He [Timothy] is our brother and **God’s co-worker.**” Well, my **co-worker** is “my sister and **God’s co-worker.**” As a matter of fact, we are sisters and still **co-workers** today; true co-workers, laboring together as **God’s co-workers** to bring the message of the Gospel to a lost and lonely world.



You too, can be **God’s co-worker**. First you must lay down your life, pick up your cross and follow Him.

To do part 11 of The Life of Faith Thessalonians study, please click on the link below.

[1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 11: God’s Co-worker](#)