

# Last Rays of Light

## For the perfecting of the saints... Eph 4:12

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### F. Share the Love – 001. Overview

**SUMMARY:** Theme F shows **how** you acquire the **4<sup>th</sup>** mark of discipleship, **mutual agape love**, by taking steps **10 to 12** in the discipling process.

#### Theme Details

##### F1. Exercise Christlike Love

- The Two Commandments
- What Love Looks Like

##### F2. Contribute to Church Meetings

- Local and Wider Church
- Smaller Groups

##### F3. Help with Practical Support

- Caring for Church Members
- Caring for the Community/World

#### Purpose

##### To help participants

contribute to and benefit from every type of church gathering and activity, both inreach and outreach:

1. **Experience** mutual Christian love and unity and help make it real within the body of believers.
2. **Participate** in worship, spiritual growth, and ministry opportunities through large and small group meetings.
3. **Exercise** loving care by serving practical needs within the church and in the community.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks</b>				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		<b>A. Sound the Trumpet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Discipleship</b>		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>B. Hear the Call</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship</b>		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks</b>				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: <b>Courtyard</b> “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) <b>Message → Member</b> (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		<b>C. Come to Life</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love</b>		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>D. Join the Movement</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial</b>		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: <b>Holy Place</b> “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) <b>Member → Maturity</b> (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>E. Grow in Grace</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding</b>		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: <b>Most Holy Place</b> “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) <b>Maturity → Ministry</b> (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)	►	<b>F. Share the Love</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love</b>		
	►	1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>G. Bear much Fruit</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry</b>		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>H. Tell the World</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness</b>		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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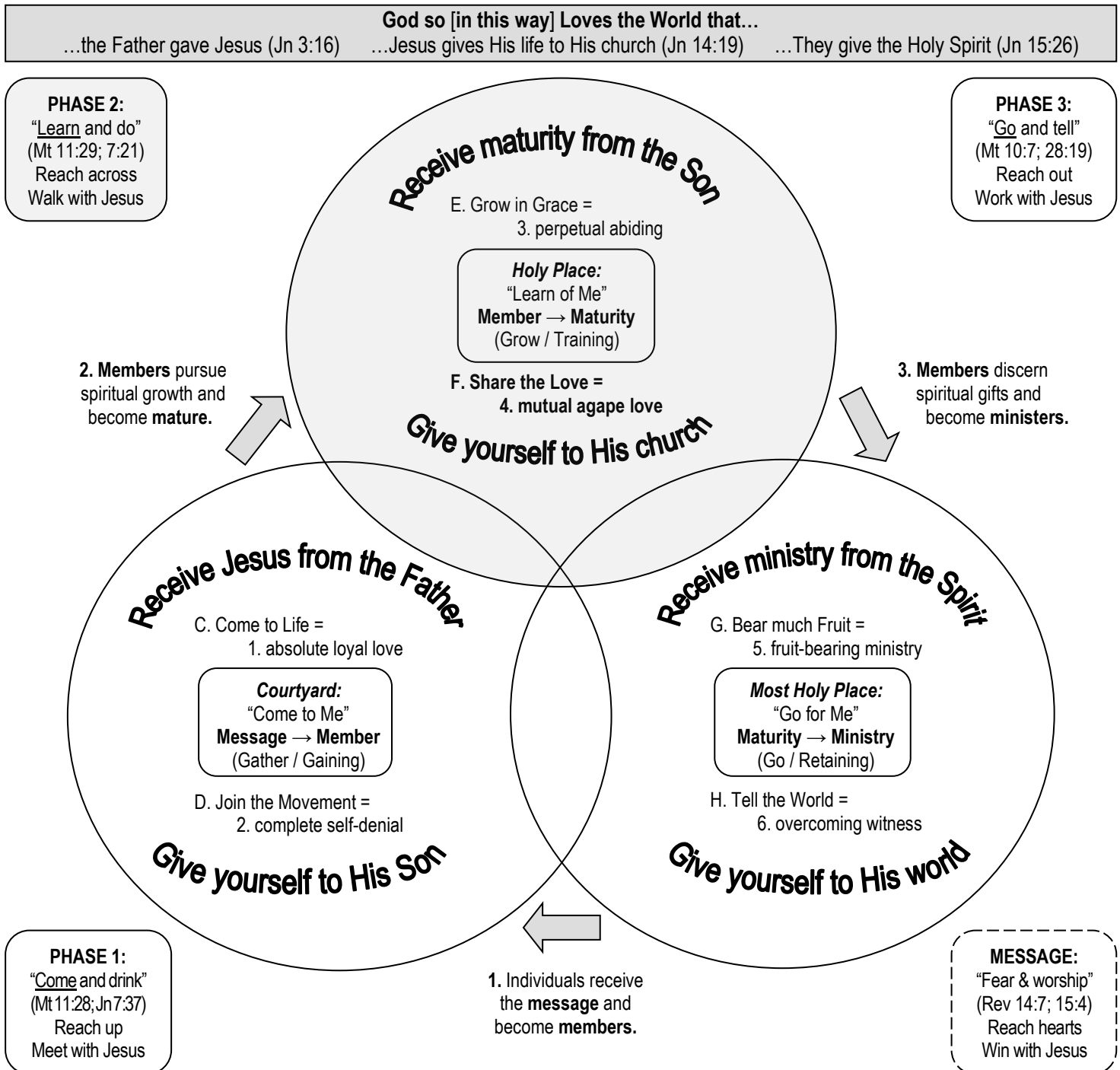
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### **F. Share the Love – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love**

**SUMMARY:** Consider and appreciate now the **giving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 2** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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### F. Share the Love – 1. Exercise Christlike Love – 101. The Two Commandments

**SUMMARY:** You take **step 10** in the discipling process, as you exercise **love** according to the **great** commandment and the **second** one like it.

An expert of the law asked Jesus, “Which is the great commandment in the law?” (Mt 22:36). The Lord answered by quoting Dt 6:5, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” (v. 37). He confirmed, “This is the first and great commandment.” (v. 38). But then Jesus placed another commandment on the same level, quoting from Lev 19:18, “And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (vv. 39-40). The Lord allowed no commandment to be seen as more important than the other. They are both of equal significance as only love fulfills the whole law (Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:14).

So, what makes the second commandment to be like the first is, that both are based on the great principle of love, and both require the concerted attention and cooperation of our whole being, heart, soul, strength, and mind (Dt 6:5; Lk 10:27). But there is one more aspect of their relationship. In a similar discussion with Jesus earlier (Lk 10:25-28), another lawyer had tried to justify himself by asking a further question, “And who is my neighbor?” (v. 29). In response, the Lord recounted a recent incident of a Samaritan rescuing a Jewish traveler from death who had been wounded on his way to Jericho (vv. 30-35). Jesus ends the story with a definition of *neighbor* that connects both commandments in a yet deeper way.

Jesus concluded with a question, “Which now of these three [priest, Levite, Samaritan], thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he [the lawyer] said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do likewise.” (Lk 10:36-37). The lawyer realized that the *neighbor* as defined in Jesus’ question was not the one who had a need, but the one who met a need; not the one who required help, but the one who provided it; not the one who depended on mercy, but the one who extended it. The lawyer had asked who qualified to be his neighbors and thus to receive his love. But Jesus challenged the lawyer to qualify to become their neighbor by giving his love to those in need.

So why does Jesus’ definition of *neighbor* establish a deeper connection between the first two commandments, to love God and our neighbor? Because Jesus is both our God as the Creator and our foremost and ultimate neighbor as the Savior. “In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus gave a picture of Himself and His mission. Man had been deceived, bruised, robbed, and ruined by Satan, and left to perish; but the Savior had compassion on our helpless condition. He left His glory to come to our rescue...and made complete provision for us at His own charges.” (DA 503-504). In Jesus, we love both our God and our neighbor. Therefore, the first two commandments are alike because they both call us to love Jesus.

Jesus fulfills the various meanings of the word *neighbor* in a unique and preeminent way. Through His incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and intercession, He alone qualified to become our ultimate *rayah* (Hebrew 7455), the “associate, friend, fellow Israelite, brother, companion, husband” of all true believers, and their *plesion* (Greek 4139), “the one near” (Jn 4:5; Heb 8:11). He is near us now through His Holy Spirit, living in us, as a friend who sticks closer than even a brother (Pr 18:24). And throughout eternity He also will be near us physically because then we are where He is (Jn 14:3). Jesus will ever be the nearest and dearest neighbor to His redeemed, both in terms of local proximity and relational closeness.

What then motivates His people to “go, and do likewise” (Lk 10:37), to become a neighbor to those in need as Jesus did? 1. We recognize that we ourselves were and are in need of a neighbor who shows loving compassion on us, a Savior who rescues us from ruin (Rom 5:8; Heb 5:2). 2. As we allow the love of the Savior to rescue us and then to enter us by His Spirit, He moves us to show compassion on others in need (Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 3:17). 3. By lovingly helping to meet needs, our greater goal is to allow Jesus, through us, to show Himself to the needy as their ultimate neighbor (Ac 3:6-26). 4. As the Samaritan and Jesus helped those who despised them, so we also love our enemies (Isa 53:3; Mt 5:44; Rom 12:20).

	Description of the Two Commandments	Scriptures OT and NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I see / do it hardly → daily
1	<b>1. What Love for God Is</b>			
2	Wholehearted life commitment to the God who loved me first.	Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37; 10:37; Ex 20:2; Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:10	True love for God will permeate every aspect of my being. True love for God is a response to His amazing sacrifice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	<b>2. What It Calls For</b>			
4	Loving obedience and service	Dt 12:10; 30:2; Jn 14:15	Loving obedience has no compulsion or fear (1 Jn 4:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	<b>3. What Love for Neighbor Is</b>			
6	Loves Jesus who meets all needs.	Mt 18:11; 20:28; Jn 4:42	Sees in the Samaritan Christ as his/her Savior (COL 381).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has compassion for others in need.	Lev 19:18; Mt 22:39	Seeks the good of all, whatever their race, creed or status.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Helps both friends and foes alike.	Mt 5:43-48; Rom 12:20	Shows God’s perfect, that is, impartial and gracious love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	<b>4. What It Calls For</b>			
10	“Go, and do likewise.” (Lk 10:37)	Mt 5:45; Jn 13:15	Jesus is our example and standard to follow in all things.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	<b>5. What Motivates It</b>			
12	I know I also need help from Jesus.	Mk 2:17; Lk 15:7; Rom 3:23	I am a sinner just as anybody else is; Jesus died for us all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Jesus’ love for others enters me.	Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 3:17-19	A sense of God’s love for man leads me to love others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Jesus wants to love through me.	Mk 6:35-44; Ac 3:6-26	God works through people to meet the needs of people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	He modeled love for His enemies.	Jn 13:2-5; Lk 23:34; Mt 5:44	Jesus bids me love my enemies, no matter what they do.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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### F. Share the Love – 1. Exercise Christlike Love – 102. Love in 1 Corinthians 13

**SUMMARY:** The love you are **called** to have for others, as **described** in 1 Co 13, is the self-sacrificing divine **agape** love of Jesus Himself.

The word *love* in today's society is used in many different ways, most of which do not reflect its Biblical meaning. The Greek in Bible times knew four distinct words for *love*. These were, in the order of NT usage, *eros*, *storge*, *philia*, and *agape* (5BC 340). **1. Eros** describes the physical, including sexual, aspects and is mostly of a conditional, if not selfish nature. It appears only twice in the Greek OT, in Prov 7:18 and 30:16, but never in the NT. **2. Storge** stands for the affectionate feelings between relatives, especially between children and parents, and spouses. It is used only once in the NT, in Rom 12:10, giving the sense that church members are to regard each other as brothers and sisters.

**3. Philia** is used in the NT to denote affection to another person, or attraction to things, due to appreciation for the qualities in the other. It describes everything from love of God (2 Ti 3:4) to love of money (1 Ti 6:10). **4. Agape**, rarely used elsewhere, is reserved in the NT to denote the unconditional, selfless, self-sacrificing nature of God's love to humanity, as ultimately shown in the death of His own dear Son on the cross. *Agape* love is not based on unstable feelings, nor is it motivated by any quality in the other person. It is rather an inherent principle in the lover, the unconditional commitment to do, invest, or lose everything, even life itself, to secure or regain the wellbeing of the beloved (Jn 3:16).

This kind of love not only describes God's attitude or actions toward humanity, but His very character; not only does He love, He is love (1 Jn 4:8). For this reason, God's love toward humanity is everlasting (Isa 54:8; Jer 31:3) and will not be retracted (Hos 3:1; 11:8; Jer 31:20; Rom 8:28-39). It can only be hindered by disobedience (Isa 59:2; Jer 7:28-30) and rejection (Mk 6:4-6; Mt 23:37-39). It is nothing less than this divine love that Jesus calls His disciples to have one for another (Jn 13:14, 34-35; 15:12), neighbors, and even enemies (Mt 5:43-48; Rom 12:20). Only in this way can they reveal God's character to the world (Jn 13:35), just as Jesus did (Jn 1:18). Paul defines *agape* love in 1 Co 13.

"It is...deception to suppose that a man can have faith unto life eternal, without possessing Christlike love for his brethren....Christians love those around them as precious souls for whom Christ has died." (MS 133, 1899). When will God's remnant be so filled with His Spirit, the fire of God's love, that the whole earth will be filled with His glory (Rom 5:5; Rev 18:1)? Jesus desires to send it (Lk 12:49).

	Description of Divine Agape Love	Scriptures OT and NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I have / do it hardly → daily
<b>1</b>	<b>1. What Agape Love Is</b>			
<b>2</b>	Other-focused, self-sacrificing	Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 4:10	God so [in this way] loved the world that He gave His Son.	-----
<b>3</b>	<b>2. What Its Source Is</b>			
<b>4</b>	God loves because He is love	Eph 2:4; 1 Jn 4:7, 8, 16	Love is not only God's attitude or action, but His character.	-----
<b>5</b>	<b>3. What It Calls For</b>			
<b>6</b>	To love God wholeheartedly	Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37; Mk 12:30	I love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	To love Jesus in our actions	Jn 14:15-23; 1 Jn 5:1-3	I love Jesus by keeping all His commandments.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	To love others as He loved us	Jn 13:34; 15:12; Mt 5:43-48	I love everyone, friends and foes, as Jesus loved me.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	<b>4. What It Does Do</b>			
<b>10</b>	It makes all other gifts effective	1 Co 13:1-3; Jn 15:4-5	All spiritual gifts are fruitful only with and because of love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b>	It suffers long	1 Co 13:4; Ex 34:6; Mt 17:17	Bears long with failings of others, and in suffering wrongs.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b>	It is kind	1 Co 13:4; Isa 54:8; Eph 2:7	Is gentle, considerate and mild, seeks to do good to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b>	It rejoices in the truth	1 Co 13:6; Jn 1:47; Lk 15:7	Is glad for the virtues of others and any progress of truth.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>14</b>	It bears all things	1 Co 13:7; Ac 17:30; 1 Pe 4:8	Covers, is silent about others' faults as long as is justifiable.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b>	It believes all things	1 Co 13:7; Jn 17:17; Mt 9:38-40	Trusts God's Word; thinks well of all until contrary evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	It hopes all things	1 Co 13:7; Lk 22:32; Ac 8:22	Trusts in God, hoping all can be well despite appearance.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b>	It endures all things	1 Co 13:7; Isa 53:7; Heb 12:3	Suffers with sympathy all that God permits and man inflicts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b>	It abides and is the greatest	1 Co 13:13; Jer 31:1; 1 Th 5:8	Love is as permanent as, but greater than, faith and hope.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b>	<b>5. What It Does Not Do</b>			
<b>20</b>	It does not envy	1 Co 13:4; Mt 8:20; Heb 13:5	Is content with one's own goods, position, and influence.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>21</b>	It does not vaunt [boast] itself	1 Co 13:4; Mt 11:29; Php 2:2-4	Is humble and lowly of mind; praises God for all His gifts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22</b>	It is not puffed up	1 Co 13:4; Jn 5:41; Rev 3:17	Is free of conceit and pride; seeks no flattery from others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>23</b>	Does not behave itself unseemly	1 Co 13:5; Lk 7:39 ff.; Php 1:27	Acts with courtesy and propriety; avoids offending others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>24</b>	It does not seek her own	1 Co 13:5; Mt 20:28; Ac 10:38	Sacrifices self to do God's will and serve the good of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>25</b>	It is not easily provoked	1 Co 13:5; 1 Pe 2:19-23;	Is free of irritation and resentment; commits situation to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>26</b>	It thinks [reckons] no evil	1 Co 13:5; Jn 8:11; 2 Co 5:19	Has no desire to find fault, or charge guilt or wrong motives.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>27</b>	It does not rejoice in iniquity	1 Co 13:6; Eze 33:11; Ac 5:1-11	Rather than delight in their vices or guilt, it helps all in need.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>28</b>	It never fails [falls off]	1 Co 13:13; Jn 13:1; Rom 13:8	Is the same, can be relied on at all times and in all situations.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>



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### **F. Share the Love – 1. Exercise Christlike Love – 103. “Love One Another”**

**SUMMARY:** You may express such mutual agape love in many **different** forms and situations, as described in both **positive** and **negative** ways.

The NT Scriptures are full of admonition to God's people to love one another (Jn 15:17; Rom 12:10; 1 Th 4:9; 1 Pe 1:22; 3:8; 1 Jn 3:11; 3:23; 2 Jn 5). Six reasons are given: **1.** God loved us (1 Jn 4:7, 11). **2.** Jesus loved us (Jn 13:34; 15:9, 12). **3.** By this the world will know that we are Jesus' disciples (Jn 13:35). **4.** We fulfill the law (Rom 13:8). **5.** God's love is perfected in us (1 Jn 4:2). **6.** That we may be blameless at the coming of Jesus (1 Th 3:13). Jesus is our divine example. He calls us to love one another as He loved us (Jn 13:15, 34; 15:12). How are we doing?

	Description of Mutual Agape Love	Scriptures NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I have / do it hardly → daily
<b>1</b>	<b>1. What We Must Do</b>			
<b>2</b>	Have peace one with another	Mk 9:50	Refrain from arguments, jealousy, and the spirit of rivalry.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	Wash one another's feet	Jn 13:14	Forget self, place own interests behind and below those of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	Kindly affectionate one to another	Rom 12:10	Regard each other as sons and daughters of the same Father.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b>	In honor preferring one another	Rom 12:10	Be eager, not to seek honor, but to show it to others (Php 2:3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	Of the same mind one toward another	Rom 12:16	Be in touch and harmony with the feelings and desires of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	Edify one another	Rom 14:19	Pursue things that build others up (1 Co 14:26; 1 Th 5:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	Receive one another	Rom 15:7	Accept and treat one another as Jesus accepted us (Lk 15:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	Able to admonish one another	Rom 15:14	Be qualified to exhort, competent to counsel each other.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b>	Salute [greet] one another	Rom 16:16	Acknowledge one another with appropriate Christian affection.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b>	Tarry [wait] one for another	1 Co 11:33	At meals (here the Lord's Supper) eat in an orderly, unselfish way.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b>	Have the same care one for another	1 Co 12:25	Identify with all needs or interests without respect of person or gift.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b>	Serve one another by love	Gal 5:13	Freely help one another rather than taking advantage of each other.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>14</b>	Bear one another's burdens	Gal 6:2	So we “fulfill the law of Christ” Who bore our burdens (Isa 53:4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b>	Patiently forbearing one another	Eph 4:2	Tolerate each other in our faults and weaknesses (Col 3:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	Be kind, tenderhearted one to another	Eph 4:32	Be gentle, gracious, compassionate regarding the needs of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b>	Forgive one another as Christ forgave	Eph 4:32	He purchased forgiveness, so we are to extend it freely (Mt 18:35).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b>	Submit ourselves one to another	Eph 5:21	Cease from feeling superior to or making demands of one another.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b>	Teach/admonish one another in wisdom	Col 3:16	Help one another understand and apply God's Word, as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>20</b>	Abound in love one toward another	1 Th 3:12	Christ makes us have ever-deepening, fervent, and genuine love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>21</b>	Comfort one another with God's Word	1 Th 4:18	Share consolation from God's Word to encourage each other.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22</b>	Take heed...exhort one another daily	Heb 3:12-13	Persuade each other daily to beware of the danger of unbelief.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>23</b>	Provoke [encourage] one another	Heb 10:24	Be concerned about how to encourage each other to act in love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>24</b>	Confess faults one to another	Jas 5:16	A clear conscience enables faith in God and His answer to prayer.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>25</b>	Pray for one another for healing	Jas 5:16	Fellowship in intercession encourages members and is effective.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>26</b>	Have compassion one for another	1 Pe 3:8	Identify with suffering members and provide help to relieve them.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>27</b>	Be hospitable one to another	1 Pe 4:9	Cheerfully provide for persecuted fellow believers seeking refuge.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>28</b>	Minister gifts one to another	1 Pe 4:10	Share the abilities and means that God has graciously bestowed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>29</b>	Be subject one to another in humility	1 Pe 5:5	Show your readiness to serve one another by putting on humility.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>30</b>	Have fellowship one with another	1 Jn 1:7	We walk in unity as we believe in, obey, and serve the same God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>31</b>	<b>2. What We Must Not Do</b>			
<b>32</b>	Don't betray and hate one another	Mt 24:10	Don't fall away, but keep your first love, and live at peace with all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>33</b>	Don't seek honor one of another	Jn 5:44	Don't look for approval from men, but to God as your standard.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>34</b>	Don't judge one another	Rom 14:13	Don't criticize one another, for everyone is accountable to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>35</b>	Are not puffed up one against another	1 Co 4:6-7	Don't boast about one over another, for all owe everything to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>36</b>	Don't go to law one with another	1 Co 6:7-8	Don't go before civil courts but to the church, or suffer the wrong.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>37</b>	Don't bite and devour one another	Gal 5:15	Don't gossip, slander; “Backbiting is cannibalism” (GCB 4-2-1903).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>38</b>	Don't provoke and envy one another	Gal 5:26	Don't irritate each other through conceit or jealousy; be humble.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>39</b>	Don't lie one to another (Eph 4:25)	Col 3:9	Don't deceive one another; speak truthfully, preserve integrity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>40</b>	Don't prefer one before another	1 Ti 5:21	Don't base decisions on partiality or favors; satisfy God's justice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>41</b>	Don't speak evil of one another	Jas 4:11	Stop, or don't start, hurting one another by critical faultfinding.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>42</b>	Don't grudge one against another	Jas 5:9	Don't express impatience toward one another; be long-suffering.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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### **F. Share the Love – 2. Contribute to Church Meetings – 201. Local and Wider Church**

**SUMMARY:** You take **step 11** in the discipling process, as you show this agape love by **contributing** to meetings of the **local** and **wider** church.

“Those who worship Him in sincerity and truth will be accepted by Him. If church members will put away all self-worship, and will receive in their hearts the love for God and for one another that filled Christ's heart, our heavenly Father will constantly manifest His power through them. Let His people be drawn together with the cords of divine love. Then the world will recognize the miracle-working power of God. (MS 125, 1907).” (7BC 939). Involvement with Christlike love in church meetings are forms of worship, as members contribute to the service of God and their fellow believers (Rom 12:1-13). “Unselfish devotion and a spirit of sacrifice have always been and always will be the first requisite of acceptable service.” (PK 65).

Moreover, “The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.--TM 508 (1897).” (LDE 188). We need both rains!!

	Type of Meeting Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
1	<b>1. Sabbath School</b> (Superintendent, classes: age group, teaching, music, mission story, helper, etc.)		
2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	<b>2. Worship Service</b> (platform chairperson, song leader, special music, pianist, organist, prayers, Scripture, children's story, etc.)		
6		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	<b>3. Prayer Meeting</b> (choosing songs, comments during study, contributing prayer requests, praying out loud, etc.)		
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	<b>4. Leadership Staff / Board Meeting</b> (attendance, contributing to discussion, voting, team cooperation, implementation of plans, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	<b>5. Business Meeting</b> (attendance, contributing to discussion, voting, team cooperation, implementation of plans, etc.)		
18		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	<b>6. Outreach / Evangelistic Meeting</b> (attendance, greeter, distributing material, fellowship with guests, financial support, etc.)		
22		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	<b>7. Other Local Church Meeting</b> (social meetings, short term programs, work bees, outdoor activities, etc.)		
26		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	<b>8. Wider Church Meeting</b> (camp meetings, workshops, training meetings, business meetings, ministry programs, etc.)		
30		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

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### **F. Share the Love – 2. Contribute to Church Meetings – 202. Smaller Groups (Church or Home)**

**SUMMARY:** You also express such love, as you make **contributions** to the life and ministry of **smaller** groups, meeting at church or in homes.

“Those who worship Him in sincerity and truth will be accepted by Him. If church members will put away all self-worship, and will receive in their hearts the love for God and for one another that filled Christ's heart, our heavenly Father will constantly manifest His power through them. Let His people be drawn together with the cords of divine love. Then the world will recognize the miracle-working power of God, and will acknowledge that He is the Strength and the Helper of His commandment-keeping people (MS 125, 1907).” (7BC 939).

Involvement with Christlike love in any and all church meetings can be forms of worship, as members give God His proper place in their lives, and invest their spiritual gifts, natural talents, and physical resources in the service of their fellow believers (Rom 12:1-13). “Unselfish devotion and a spirit of sacrifice have always been and always will be the first requisite of acceptable service.” (PK 65).

	Type of Meeting Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
9	<b>1. Church Committee</b> (Personnel, Worship, Finance, Building, Maintenance, Music, etc.)		
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	<b>2. Church Ministries</b> (Personal, Family, Health, Outreach, Social, Visitation of Members, etc.)		
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	<b>3. Church School</b> (board members, teachers, sending own children, participating in activities, financial support, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	<b>4. Church Club</b> (Junior Youth, Youth, Pathfinder, Adventurer, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
1	<b>5. Bible Study Among Members</b> (attendance, teacher, contributing to discussion, providing home and/or food, etc.)		
2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	<b>6. Bible Study With Non-Members</b> (study material, teacher, assistant, intercessions between studies, friendship, etc.)		
6		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	<b>7. Special Interest / Project Group</b> (Vacation Bible School, Mission Trips, Outings, CHIP Program, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	<b>8. Other Smaller Group</b> (existing groups or new ideas)		
18		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

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### **F. Share the Love – 3. Help With Practical Support – 301. Minister to Members and the World**

**SUMMARY:** You take **step 12** in the discipling process, as you share love by giving **practical** support to church members and the community.

Jesus wants us to care for our fellow believers. Some ministry may be directed to those who suffer for the faith. "In all who suffer for My name, said Jesus, you are to recognize Me. As you would minister to Me, so you are to minister to them. This is the evidence that you are My disciples." (DA 637; Mt 25:31-40). Other ministry should be directed to needy members of the local church. The Jerusalem congregation provided a model for such care, as it created a common fund and chose deacons to meet those needs (Ac 2:44-45; 4:32; 6:1-7).

Other ministry focuses on the needy in the world around us. "Not to any class is Christ's love restricted. He identifies Himself with every child of humanity....His followers are not to feel themselves detached from the perishing world around them. They are a part of the great web of humanity; and Heaven looks upon them as brothers to sinners as well as to saints. The fallen, the erring, and the sinful, Christ's love embraces; and every deed of kindness done to uplift a fallen soul, every act of mercy, is accepted as done to Him." (DA 638).

Consider, "The angels of heaven are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. We know not now who they are; it is not yet made manifest who shall overcome, and share the inheritance of the saints in light; but angels of heaven are passing throughout the length and breadth of the earth seeking to comfort the sorrowing, to protect the imperiled, to win the hearts of men to Christ. Not one is neglected or passed by. God is no respecter of persons, and He has an equal care for all the souls He has created." (DA 639).

"As you open your door to Christ's needy and suffering ones, you are welcoming unseen angels....They bring a sacred atmosphere of joy and peace. They come with praises upon their lips, and an answering strain is heard in heaven. Every deed of mercy makes music there. The Father from His throne numbers the unselfish workers among His most precious treasures." (DA 639). "When we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts." (DA 641).

	<b>Area of Practical Support</b> Personal Specifics	<b>I practice it</b> hardly → daily	<b>Room for Involvement or Improvement</b> Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
<b>1</b>	<b>1. Support of Church Members</b> (the persecuted, handicapped, shut-ins, sick: funds, driving, shopping, maintenance on property, etc.)		
<b>2</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>3</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>4</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>5</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>6</b>	<b>2. Support of Community / World</b> (thrift store, disaster relief, individual emergencies, community programs, mission trips, etc.)		
<b>7</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>8</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>9</b>		□ □ □ □ □	
<b>10</b>		□ □ □ □ □	



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### **F. Share the Love – 401. Commitment**

**Summary:** Knowing now **how** you acquire the 4<sup>th</sup> mark of discipleship, **mutual agape love**, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
<b>F1. Exercise Christlike Love</b>	
I commit to obeying the two great commandments to love God with all my heart and mind, and to love my neighbors as myself. I commit to exercising love as described in 1 Co 13, and to loving my fellow believers as Jesus and the apostles instruct us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>F2. Contribute to Church Meetings</b>	
I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of my local congregation and the wider church. I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of smaller ministry groups of my local congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>F3. Help with Practical Support</b>	
I commit to ministering to needy church members in my local congregation and anywhere, according to my ability and means. I commit to ministering to needy members of the local community and around the world, according to my ability and means.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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