

As Christians we have an impact on others simply by the way we live our lives. Words mean nothing if not accompanied by right attitude and actions.

Loving other people is a challenge at times. Although knowing that love is both a feeling and a choice can help, but we still find their personalities and actions exasperating at times. However, the Bible says "God is Love."

Since we will always be faced with people who don't look at life the way we do -sometimes even rejecting what is important to us-we need this quality of our Father as a foundational part, of our character.

When it comes to loving unbelievers, what responses of love should we have?

Read and meditate:

Romans 12:17-21

I Corinthians 12:9-12

Colossians 4:5&6

God doesn't require us to "feel" loving but He does want us to choose what is best-in His power. At times that will require confrontation. After all, didn't Jesus confront the Pharisees to show His love, hoping they would abandon their self-deceived thinking? Our part is to put aside bitterness, a critical spirit, and unrealistic expectations regarding the way a person should change. God can then act to change them according to His plan for their lives.

Yes, God is love and he wants that part of His nature to be evident in our lives. He wants us to be loving as a demonstration of His presence in our lives.

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**Right Singular** \_\_\_\_\_ **Focus** \_\_\_\_\_

Gal 6:9 Mark 16:15

**Right** \_\_\_\_\_ **Motives** \_\_\_\_\_

Phil 2:4

2 Cor 5:14-16

1Th 4:1

**Right** \_\_\_\_\_ **Manners** \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:10

Jn 3:16

1 Jn 5:12