

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Love One Another

God doesn't love us because we are sinless or attractive people. God loves us "*while we were still sinners*" (Romans 5:8). God's nature is to love. Our Heavenly Father loved us so much that He sent His only Son to suffer and die on the Cross so that through His Son we would be made righteous and live with Him in eternity.



Just as God loves us, we are called to share the love of God that dwells in us with all people. His love for us reaches full expression when we pass it on to others. This love exceeds the cheap sentiment which many people express today. It is much more than back-slapping love or behaving nicely in church. It is more than showing love only to those who will return our love. It is love shown to the loveless, just as Christ's love is toward us.

Loving others is not an option. Jesus commanded us to love all people. He said, "*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you*" (John 15:12). By grace, we not only receive God's love; we are empowered to share that love with others. As recipients of God's rich supply of love and grace, we become people who want to love others. As Christians, we may want to ask ourselves this question: "If we don't demonstrate in our lives that we love others, is the love of God really in us?"

Prayer: Lord, help me to tap into Your rich supply of love and grace. Use me as an instrument of Your love. Amen.