

IV. SPEND WHATEVER IT TAKES (10:34b-35)

A. There is always a cost to kindness.

1. It will cost you time.

*“16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* Ephesians 5:16-17

2. It will cost you treasure.

*“17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.
18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,”* I Timothy 6:17-18

B. God will reward your kindness.

“And of some have compassion, making a difference:” Jude 22 (KJV)

*“10 If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”* Isaiah 58:10-11

“Go and do thou likewise”

-- JESUS

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO PUMP UP THE LOVE VOLUME IN YOUR LIFE?

“4 I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, 5 hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,” Philemon 4-5

LOVE OUT LOUD

Love Is Kind

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INTRODUCTION

A. Can you imagine what the world would be like if everyone loved out loud? There is no doubt love matters to God because He is love. One area that each of us needs to improve is our love for one another.

“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:8

B. In this series, you will learn how to pump up the love volume in your life!

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C. **Text:** I Cor. 13:4a (Pew Bible/Pg. 179/New Test.)

Love is what matters most to God. If you don't live a life of love...

- Nothing you say will matter (13:1)
- Nothing you know will matter (13:2a)
- Nothing you believe will matter (13:2b)
- Nothing you give will matter (13:3a)
- Nothing you sacrifice will matter (13:3b)

The Bible is clear that love is the supreme value of life. (vs 8-13)

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” I Corinthians 13:13

HOW TO BE A KINDER PERSON

Luke 10:30-37

Three **Attitudes** Toward Others

- Keep your distance (vs 30-31)
- Curious, but uninvolved (v 32)
- Treat others how you want to be treated (v 33-35)

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12

I. **SEE** THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE AROUND YOU (10:30-33a)

A. Kindness always begins with the **eyes**.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

B. **Hurry** is the death of kindness.

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4

II. **SYMPATHIZE** WITH PEOPLE’S PAIN (10:33b)

A. You must feel their **emotions**.

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted,...”
Ephesians 4:32a

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”
Romans 12:15

B. **Listening** develops sympathy.

“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;” James 1:19

C. God often allows problems in your life to **teach** you to be sympathetic to others.

“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

II Corinthians 1:3-4

III. **SEIZE** THE MOMENT (10:34a)

A. Don’t **procrastinate**.

“27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it, When you have it with you.”

Proverbs 3:27-28

“9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:9-10

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”
--John Wesley

B. You must be willing to take **risk**.

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,...”
I John 4:18a

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;” Romans 12:10