

The Evidence of Love

New Life Lessons

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Day One – Read 1 John 2:1-6

John writes “we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ.” He is writing that Jesus is our friend and he is by our side. What kind of friendship would you say you have with God? Would you like a different or deeper friendship with Him? What, if anything, gets in the way of your friendship?

Pray and ask God to reveal how you can have a closer friendship.

Day Two – Read 1 John 2: 7-14.

The Light of Love changes our attitudes and behaviors towards people and especially towards our spiritual brothers and sisters. Do you have any hate for a brother or sister? Is there a relationship that you need the Lord to help you with? Do you need God's light to change your attitude?

Pray and ask God for help with your relationships. Ask God to change your attitude towards and/or perspective of the people you struggle with.

Day Three – Read 1 John 2: 1-17

John is warning God's children by writing, “Do not love the world or anything in the world.” As God's children we are to only love God and the things of God. Are there any worldly things that interfere with your relationship with God? Is there a struggle or sin that needs to be brought into the light?

Pray and ask God to help you see any areas in your mind, heart, or life that are interfering with God being your only love.

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Children of God #2

1 John 2:1-17

Definition of Evidence

- something that furnishes proof
- something which shows that something else exists or is true
- an outward sign
- a visible sign of something

1. God's Commitment to us; Our Commitment to God.

1 John 2: 1-6 (NIV) My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Romans 8:34 (NCV) ³⁴ Who can say God's people are guilty? No one, because Christ Jesus died, but he was also raised

from the dead, and now he is on God's right side, appealing to God for us.

2. The Light of Love Changes our Walk and Talk .

1 John 2: 7-14 (NIV)

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

¹² I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁴ I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

3. We Choose God over the world.

1 John 2: 15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.