

BE RICH - LOVE

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” - *1 John 4:7-12 (NIV)*

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to **be rich** in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” - *1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)*

“By this we know [and have come to understand the depth and essence of His precious] love: that He [willingly] laid down His life for us [because He loved us]. And we ought to lay down our lives for the believers. But whoever has the world’s goods (adequate resources), and sees his brother in need, but has no compassion for him, how does the love of God live in him? Little children (believers, dear ones), let us not love [merely in theory] with word or with tongue [giving lip service to compassion], but in action and in truth [in practice and in sincerity, because practical acts of love are more than words].” - *1 John 3:16-18 (AMP)*

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. **God is love.** Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. We love because he first loved us....Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” - *1 John 4:15-16, 19-21 (NIV)*

Love Does – Bob Goff

“I used to think being loved was the greatest thing to think about, but now I know love is never satisfied just thinking about it.”

“I used to be afraid of failing at something that really mattered to me, but now I’m more afraid of succeeding at things that don’t matter.”

“I used to think being a believer was enough, but now I know Jesus wants us to participate, no matter what condition we’re in.”

“I used to think you had to be special for God to use you, but now I know you simply need to say yes.”

“I used to think I had to be somebody important to accomplish things, but now I know Jesus uses ordinary people more.”

“Let’s show our communities that our faith is more than just sermons and songs. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus in such a way that regardless of where we stand politically or culturally, regardless of our backgrounds, there is something that brings us together that has the power to change lives” - ***Andy Stanley***

Ripple Effect - The act of tossing a small stone into the water will result in a change that can be felt much farther away than the initial entry point—proof that small actions can lead to much bigger changes, even if you can't see how far they can reach.

