

No. 69 Why Show Self-Sacrificing Love?

PLEASE NOTE: Help all understand that self-sacrificing love is central to true Christianity.

Motivate newly interested ones to progress to dedication and baptism. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

TRUE CHRISTIANS ARE SELF-SACRIFICING (5 min.)

Many today believe that happiness comes from putting themselves first in life

They make sacrifices to get what they want, but they may hesitate to make sacrifices for others

As the Bible foretold, they are “lovers of themselves” (2Ti 3:1, 2; w18.01 23 ¶5)

In contrast, true Christians put the needs and interests of others ahead of their own (1Co 10:24)

Their life of self-sacrifice is motivated by love, which “does not look for its own interests” (1Co 13:4, 5)

WHY SHOW SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE? (6 min.)

Jehovah God and Jesus are the foremost examples of unselfish love

Jehovah made provision for us to gain everlasting life (Joh 3:16; 1Jo 4:9, 19; wp17.2 5 ¶1-6)

Jesus obeyed God even when it was difficult, and he willingly gave his life in our behalf (Mt 20:28; 26:39; Joh 14:31; 15:13) [Image 1]

The love shown by Jehovah and Jesus motivates us to imitate their example [Read Ephesians 5:1, 2] (2Co 5:14, 15)

When we show love, we experience the happiness that comes from giving (Ac 20:35; c/ 300 ¶1-3)

HOW TO SHOW SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE (15 min.)

Show love for God by dedicating yourself to him and getting baptized

Jesus said that his followers must disown themselves [Read Matthew 16:24] (w05 3/15 11 ¶8)

After baptism, a Christian should show self-sacrificing love in all aspects of life

Show love to your family

Husbands and wives show love by putting their mate’s needs ahead of their own (Eph 5:22, 28, 29, 33; w20.07 3-4 ¶4-6) [Image 2]

Family heads show love by providing for their family’s spiritual, emotional, and material needs (De 6:6, 7; w21.02 6 ¶14-16)

Show love to all people

Give priority to helping others learn about Jehovah (Mt 9:36, 37; Ro 1:14-16) [Image 3]

Assist and comfort those in need (1Jo 3:16-18; w15 2/15 9 ¶15)

Avoid stumbling others by your personal choices (1Co 10:31-33; Ga 5:13)

SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE BRINGS RICH REWARDS (4 min.)

Living a self-centered life does not bring true happiness

Being a follower of Jesus calls for sacrifice, but it also brings refreshment (Mt 11:28-30; w04 8/15 22 ¶1; 22-23 ¶5-7)

Your self-sacrificing love will bring you satisfaction and rich rewards (Pr 11:25; Mt 19:29)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

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