

Do to others as God has done to you

Matthew 10:8 ... Freely you received, freely give.

We can:

Love as we have been Loved.

1 John 4:19 (NASB) We love, because He first loved us.

Accept as we have been Accepted.

Romans 15:7 (NASB) Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

Forgive as we have been Forgiven.

Ephesians (NASB) 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

The starting point, the foundation: we must receive in order to give.

Do you know God loves you? Do you believe God loves you? Do you experience that God loves you? Is God's love transforming you?

As we connect to God's love, His love can flow out of us bringing love into this world.

Luke 7:47 (NASB) "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NASB) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

John 15:9 (NASB) "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

1 John 4:16 (NASB) We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

How can we keep ourselves in God's love, abide in His love, and grow roots into it?

How can we drink deeply of the well of God's love that flows from within us?

Some Ideas:

Training our thoughts patterns through a deliberate intake of truth about God

Gratitude, Awareness, and Praise

Imagination of God