



# **5-Day Devo**

**for Individuals and Groups**

*based on*

**Church in the City | Chapter 13**  
**Learning How to Love**

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## Day 1: The Foundation of Love

**Devotional** First Corinthians 13, known as the “love chapter,” offers a profound guide on living a life that reflects God's heart. True love is patient, kind, humble, and selfless. It does not envy, boast, or dishonor others, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love rejoices in truth, always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Without love, our words and deeds are empty, no more valuable to others than a cymbal accompaniment from a band.

**Bible Verse** “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” –1 Corinthians 13:1

**Reflection Question** How can you ensure that your actions and words are rooted in genuine love rather than empty gestures?

**Point to Ponder** When we connect ourselves to God, we thus connect ourselves to Love.

**Prayer** “Lord, help me to understand the true essence of love. Teach me to genuinely and selflessly express your love to everyone I come across. Amen.”

## Day 2: Love in Action

**Devotional** True love is demonstrated through consistent actions. It is not enough to say we love; our actions must *show* that we do. Loving through what we do, not just what we say, mirrors God's own love for us—a love that took action in Jesus leaving heaven, coming to earth, living a blameless life, and dying on the cross for our sin. When we show up for others with our time, care, and sacrifice, we embody his compassion and bring his healing presence to a hurting world.

**Bible Verse** "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." —1 Corinthians 13:2

**Reflection Question** What is one specific action you can take today to demonstrate love to someone else?

**Point to Ponder** Love never gives up.

**Prayer** "Father, guide me to show love through my actions. Help me to be patient, kind, and selfless in all my interactions. Let *my* love be a reflection of *yours*. Amen."

## Day 3: Love and Humility

**Devotional** Love is humble, which means that it does not boast and is not proud. Humility is a key aspect of love because it allows us to put others before ourselves. Real love serves quietly, lifting others up without needing recognition. Jesus showed us this by washing his disciples' feet, reminding us that humility is the foundation of love. When we love with humility, we honor others, reflecting God's heart and creating spaces where true kindness and compassion can flourish.

**Bible Verse** "If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." –1 Corinthians 13:3

**Reflection Question** In what tangible way can you practice humility today by putting someone else's needs above your own?

**Point to Ponder** Love doesn't strut.

**Prayer** "Lord, teach me to be humble. Help me to put others before myself and to serve them with a loving heart. Let my humility be a testament to your love. Amen."

## Day 4: Love and Forgiveness

**Devotional** Love keeps no record of wrongs. It does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, freeing us from the weight of resentment. It doesn't cling to past hurts or celebrate when others stumble, but finds joy in truth and forgiveness. When we love this way, we reflect God's grace—choosing to release offenses and make space for healing, restoring relationships, and celebrating the goodness in others.

**Bible Verse** "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." –1 Corinthians 13:6

**Reflection Questions** Is there someone you need to forgive today to fully embrace the love God calls us to? Will you extend that forgiveness today?

**Point to Ponder** Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others.

**Prayer** "Father, help me to forgive those who have wronged me. Let me release any grudges and embrace your love fully. Teach me to love without keeping score. Amen."

## Day 5: Love and Perseverance

**Devotional** Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. In short, love never fails. In our journey to love as God loves, we will face challenges and obstacles, but true love perseveres through them all, remaining steadfast, unwavering, and sure. As we seek to love as God loves, we find strength to remain unshaken and faithful.

**Bible Verse** "Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." - 1 Corinthians 13:7

**Reflection Question** What would persevering through a tough time demand from you in one of your key relationships today?

**Point to Ponder** Love never looks back but keeps going to the end.

**Prayer** "Lord, give me the strength to love steadfastly. Help me to trust, hope, and persevere in my relationships. Let my love be a reflection of your enduring love. Amen."