



Practice Love.

Learning to love others takes a lifetime of practice. This Valentine's Day, let's practice love!

Practice Love Today's Challenge

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 in many different versions (see <http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+13&version=NASB>).

Familiarize yourself with this passage of scripture.

- What is it saying?
- Does anything stand out?
- Is there one particular word that stands out?
- Commit to memory the verse that you sense is most necessary right now.
- Pray for God to help you begin practicing love.

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Did you say, “practice?”

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Last night, I wandered into Wal-Mart at around 11:30pm. I was on my way home from a meeting and really needed to pick up a couple of things. I never knew how many people actually shopped that late at night. It became quite an adventure! I suppose Valentine's Day had something to do with it, because almost every customer had cards, treats, balloons, toys, etc. in their carts. The vast sea of shiny red and gold and silver balloons filled every inch of space and transformed Wal-Mart into something quite magical. Of course, being the devotionally-minded-writer-person that I am, I couldn't help but be inspired. As I waited in line for over 30 minutes, I kept thinking, “Wow, if only we put as much effort into the day-to-day loving of others, we might actually really have something to celebrate.”

Loving others is quite an undertaking, isn't it? It most certainly isn't for the fainthearted. Paul, the author of the famed love chapter of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, set the standard really, really high. I could spend the rest of my life just putting verse one into action: *Love is kind*. Just try it. Go 24 hours being kind. Let me know how that goes! (smile)

This Valentine's Day, I'm challenging myself to commit to living out 1 Corinthians 13. I'd love some company. Will you join me? I'll keep you posted on how I'm doing and hope you will do the same. Send your victories and losses, and we'll grow together.