



Life As It Was Meant To Be
Part 3: Love As It Was Meant To Be
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¹⁰*so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him...* (Colossians 1:10, ESV)

- What is at the heart of this command? – _____:

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¹*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."* (1 Corinthians 13:1–2, ESV)

Four Steps In Living Worthy of God:

- 1) _____ to Christ as my source of love.

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¹³*I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13, ESV)

This Means:

- I don't _____ over past suffering.

- I don't _____ to protect myself.
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- 2) _____ God be my audience of one.

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- I must live to _____ God alone!
- This frees me from being a _____.
- It allows me to have _____ relationships.

- 3) _____ myself from impure motives.

⁵*For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. (1 Thessalonians 2:5, ESV)*

To do this I must...

- _____ by the standards in God's word.
- _____ to others who are wise and mature.
- _____ on God's help!

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- 4) **LEARN** to give my soul to others in Christ.

⁷*But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."* ¹¹*For you know how, like a father with his children...* (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11–12, ESV)

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