

The message of the Cross signifies selflessness.

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.”

1 JOHN 3:16 (NKJ)

Lessons of the Cross - 1. Jesus has set a kingdom operating pattern for us to emulate. The message of the Cross signifies selflessness. It signifies expression of the true and unfeigned love of God to man. This means we should express genuine and sincere love to one another.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. **(1 John 3:16)**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16

If you know **John 3:16**, you will understand **1 John 3:16**. How does it operate? Here are four lessons: Prayer, Giving, Serving, and Love.

PRAYER:

Look up to God in worship, praise Him and appreciate Him. Then pray for your brothers (intercede) first. **1 Timothy 2:1-4**. **“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,”** **1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJ)** Paul emphasizes the word first. This means it's important that we first pray for others before ourselves:

1. **Look up:** pray for those who are ahead or above you in ministry, in your church, in your family, in your office or business.
2. **Look down:** Pray for those who are under you.
3. **Look sideways:** Pray for those who are your colleagues or contemporaries.
4. **Look forward:** See the faithfulness of God as you express your faith to see your prayer answered. **(Romans 8:32)**

EXPRESS GENUINE LOVE 1:1



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