

## No Greater Love

Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

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### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

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- **The threat to Christian service is \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Galatians 5:19-21: Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing...
- **The motivation for Christian service is \_\_\_\_\_.**

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1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ each other up.

Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Romans 14:19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

- **Reactive – Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ in anger.**

James 1:19 Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger.

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

- **Proactive – Look for ways to \_\_\_\_\_ those around you.**

Proverbs 25:11 A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

**3. Walk in \_\_\_\_\_.**

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

- As you live, live in complete control of and surrender to the Holy Spirit of God.

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John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**What will you do this week to serve one another, build up one another and walk in the Spirit of God?**