

ADVANCED-LEVEL: AS I HAVE LOVED YOU 2

December 6, 2020 Philippians 2:1-5 by Bob Branch
Loving Well in a Crazy World, part 3

“My command: Love each other as I have loved you.”
John 15:12 (13:34)

BIG IDEA: Loving like Jesus is the “advanced-level” and changes the entire way we do life.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight...

²⁷ Whatever happens, [as citizens of heaven] conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...” **Philippians 1:9, 27; 2:1-5**

1. Loving well means intentionally moving toward each other to _____.

² be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit, of one mind.

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”
Ephesians 4:3 NLT (Jn. 17:23)

2. Loving well means being aware of your _____.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

“O LORD, you have searched me and known me!... Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!” **Psalms 139:1, 23** ESV (Job 6:24; Lk. 8:18)

3. Loving well means _____ and working for their benefit.

^{3b} in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

“I am third”

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...” **Philippians 2:5-11**

“Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” **John 15:12-13**

Rate yourself on the Loving Well-Spectrum? (1-10)

WHO is in your world that needs your love?

What 2-3 practical ways you can daily you love-prefer-consider them instead of yourself?