

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 19 Nov - 10:30AM. Niyi Adenubi speaking
Sunday 26 Nov - 10:30AM. Advent Sunday. Malcolm speaking
Sunday 03 Dec - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking
Saturday 09 Dec - AIM session: Biblical counselling
Sunday 10 Dec - 10:30AM. Dr Andy Boakye speaking
Sunday 17 December - 10:30AM. Carol service
Sunday 24 December - 10:30AM. Service
Sunday 31 December - 10:30AM. Service
Sunday 07 January - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking

Loving One-Another: 1 Cor 10:24

The phrases 'one another' and 'each other' appear over 100 times in the New Testament. Not all of those are positive ("That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies." Luke 23:12)! However, most are constructive, instructional and inspirational. How well do you know these verses? They are a wonderful insight into the culture of the Kingdom of God.

Why not study these passages? Search your Bible software, or go online to site such as: <https://biblehub.com>.

For today's article, I will focus on a Scripture that sums up the essence of loving one another. First, let's read several translations of the verse:

1 Corinthians 10:24 Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others (NIV); Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth (KJV); Do not seek your own advantage but that of the other (NRSV); We want live well, but our foremost efforts should be to help others live well (The Message); Let no man seek his own, but that which is another's (The Douay Testament); Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth (The Pictorial New Testament); Let no

man seek his own profit, but that the other (The Recovery Version); No one should be looking out for his own interests, but for the interests of others (The Good News Bible. Today's English version); Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth (Billy Graham Crusade Edition); Let no one seek his own interests, but those of his neighbour (The New Testament Confraternity version); Let no one then seek his own good and advantage and profit, but rather each one of the other let him seek the welfare of his neighbour (Amplified Bible); We should think about others and not about ourselves (Contemporary English Version); Let no one seek his own, but each one the others well being (NKJV)

Our world is tangled up in the pursuit of personal gain. Christians are not immune from the temptation to selfishness. 1 Corinthians 10:24 challenges that perspective. At the heart of this verse lies the exemplar of selfless love—Jesus Christ himself. His entire earthly journey was a living embodiment of 1 Corinthians 10:24. Consider the humility and compassion with which he approached every situation, always seeking the good of others above his own.

Jesus

One striking example is found in the Gospel of John, where Jesus, the embodiment of divinity, takes on the role of a humble servant. During the Last Supper, he stoops down to wash the feet of his disciples—a task reserved for the lowliest servant. In this act, Jesus not only demonstrated humility but underscored the essence of seeking the good of others in the most tangible way. What he did was not complicated, but it was profound.

Jesus consistently prioritised the needs of others and his teaching illustrated how we could live

likewise. The Good Samaritan parable showcases the transformative impact of choosing others' well-being over personal convenience.

Empathy

To walk in the footsteps of Christ is to embrace a mindset of empathy, actively engaging with the struggles and joys of those around us. It means translating our convictions into intentional actions that contribute positively to the lives of others. This selfless approach becomes a living testimony to the transformative power of Christ's teachings.

Unity

Moreover, as we collectively embody 1 Corinthians 10:24, a spirit of unity will flourish within our Christian community. By setting aside personal ambitions for the greater good, we create an environment where love and cooperation thrive. This unity becomes a powerful witness, drawing others towards the beauty of selfless living.

Conclusion

The call to seek the good of others is not a burdensome command but an invitation to walk in the footsteps of the ultimate example, Jesus Christ. Let us draw inspiration from his life, embracing the challenge to prioritise the well-being of others. In doing so, we reflect the selfless love of our Saviour and contribute to a world yearning for such genuine, caring hearts.

Questions for Reflection

- What is it about the way Jesus loved people that inspires you the most?
- What does it mean to have empathy for other people?
- How does loving one another build unity in our congregation?

- What is one simple thing you could do this week to love another member of the congregation?

Your brother, Malcolm

Faith Seeking Understanding

An event run by the London School of Theology (where I am pursuing my Masters).

Saturday 11 November, 10am-3.30pm – we'll be looking together at The Woven Threads of Discipleship: Theology, History and Practice. What does it really mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? The day is set to be hands on and interactive, with plenty of opportunities for you to practise what you've learned and get feedback from your peers. At just £10 per head onsite, and £8 for an online ticket, we believe it's an accessible way to bless your church.

You can get more information about the day by watching this fun video! <https://youtu.be/B9Mb9uWXBoQ>

And make sure you pass on the booking details to your friends and family here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-seeking-understanding-discipleship-then-and-now-tickets-652675127877>

Thanks to you all and we look forward to seeing you there!

With every blessing, Bekah

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