

# LOGF NOTES 12.10.17

Gifts of Goodness: Love is Action

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## Memory Verse:

Titus 3:8 Be careful to devote [yourself] to doing what is good.

## Today's Message: Love is Action

### Today's Challenge: Do four acts of love this week.

What can we learn from God's love:

#### 1. Love is not self-contained, it requires an external object.

**Love is giving of oneself to another; Love must have a target.**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### 2. Love is not self-seeking, it is self-sacrificing.

**Love is putting oneself aside for the betterment of another.**

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### 3. Love is not a feeling, an emotion or a thought, it is decisive action.

**Love does not come and go; Love does not wane; You cannot "fall into" and "out of" Love.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails.

#### 4. Love is not a reaction, but a predisposition;

**Love is not motivated by external behavior, but generated internally.**

1 John 4:8 God is love.

**Those who love best are those who know and live in the love of God.**

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

**Christmas is the celebration of God's love meeting us where we were at. Let us now be the avenue for God's love to touch others right where they are at.**

Hebrews 6:10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.