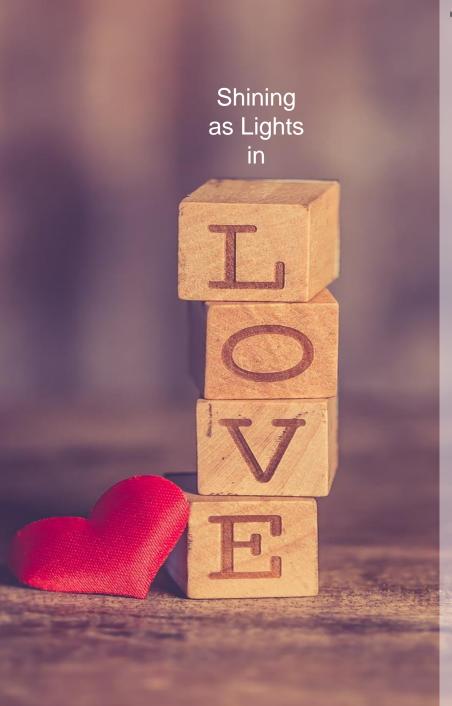




Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love
the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your
soul and with all your
might.



Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 John 4:7-8

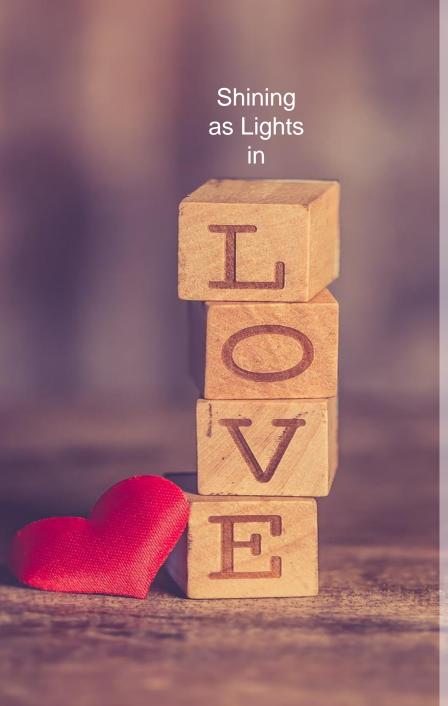
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has

God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not

know God, because God is

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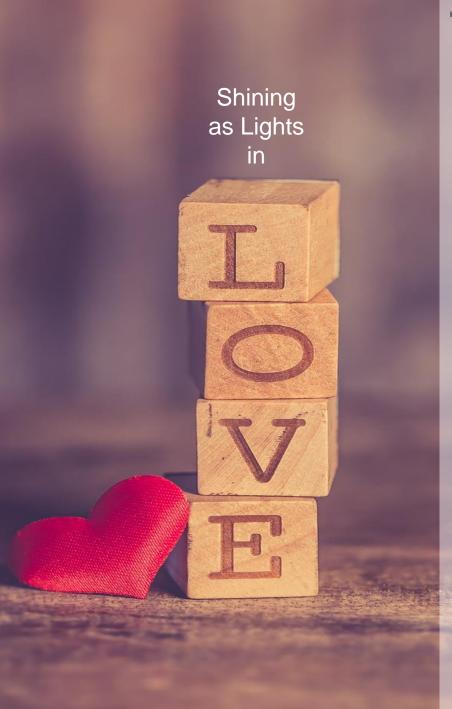
John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



Rom. 5:8

...but God shows his
love for us in that while
we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.



1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.



Matthew 22:37

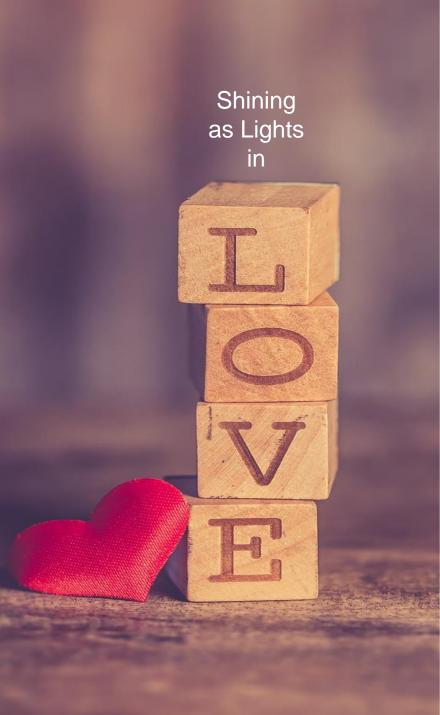
And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your





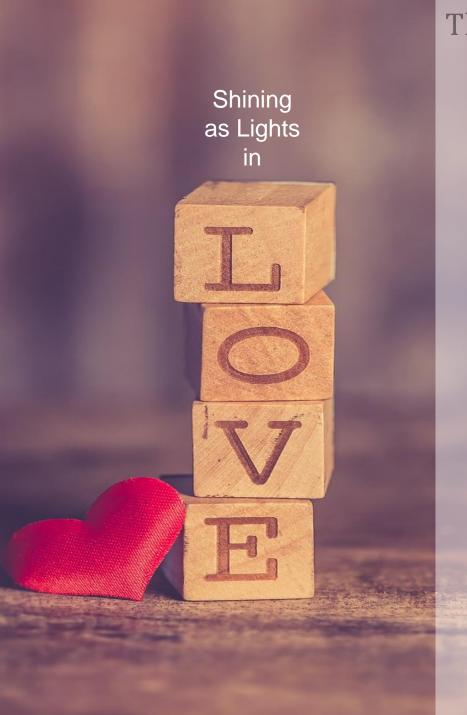
1 John 4:19-21

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



Romans 13:9-10

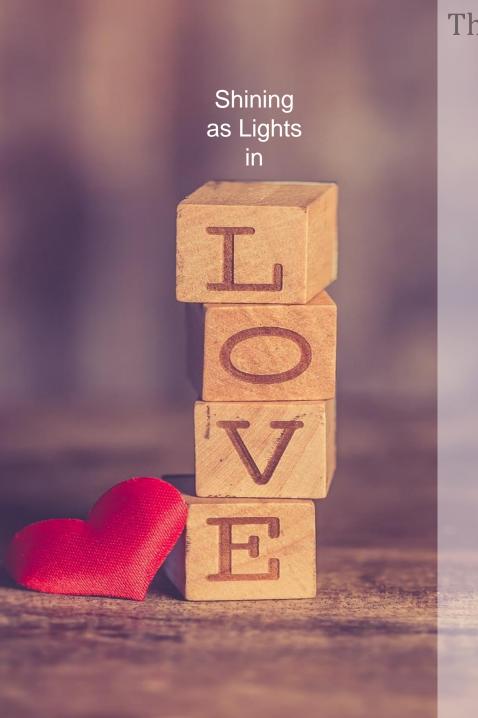
For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.



Romans 12:10

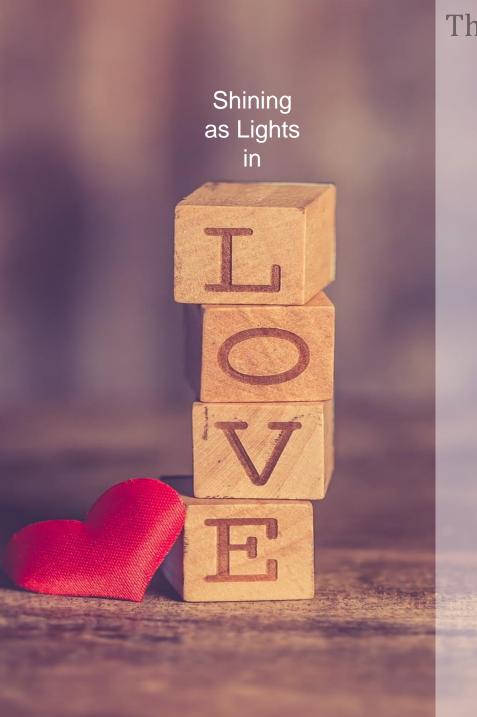
Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.





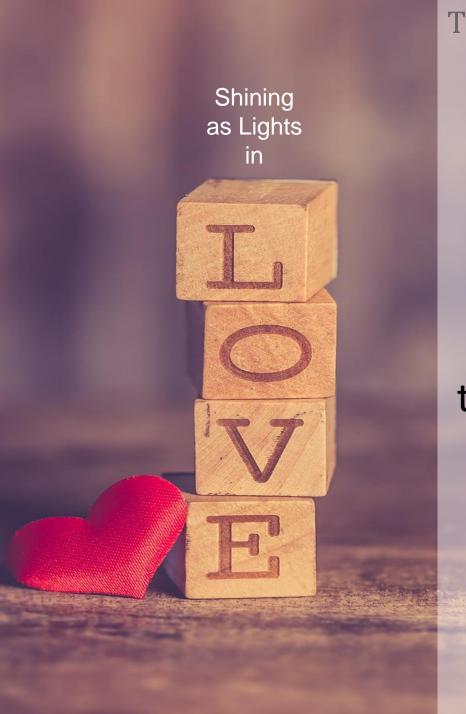
Matthew 22:39-40

"And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.



Galatians 5:14

... For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Matthew 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven....



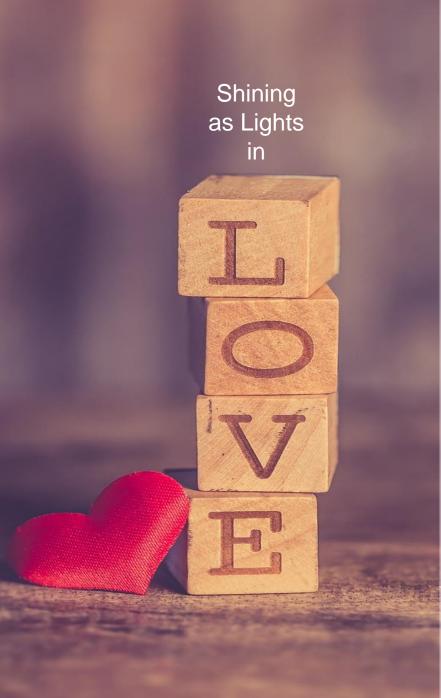
John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.



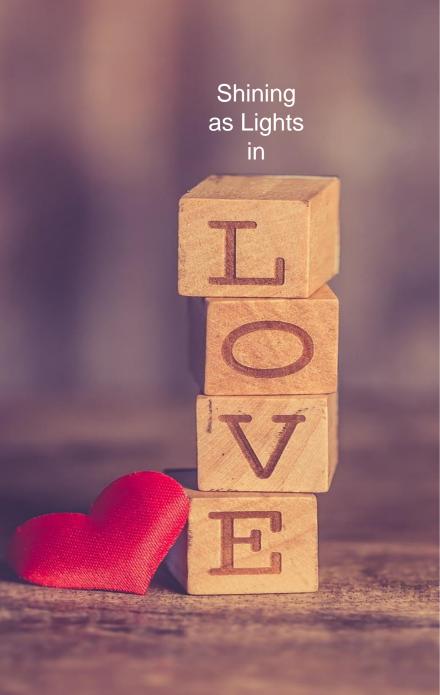
Philippians 2:2-4

...complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.



John 13:34-35

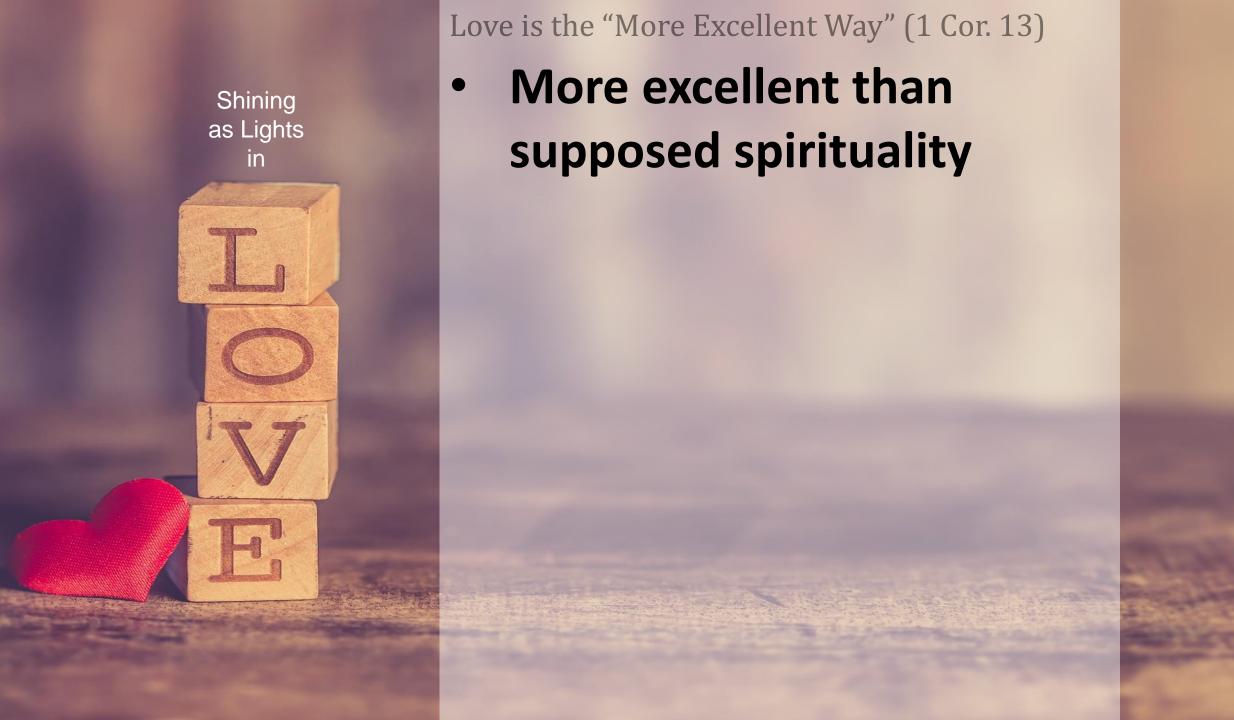
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



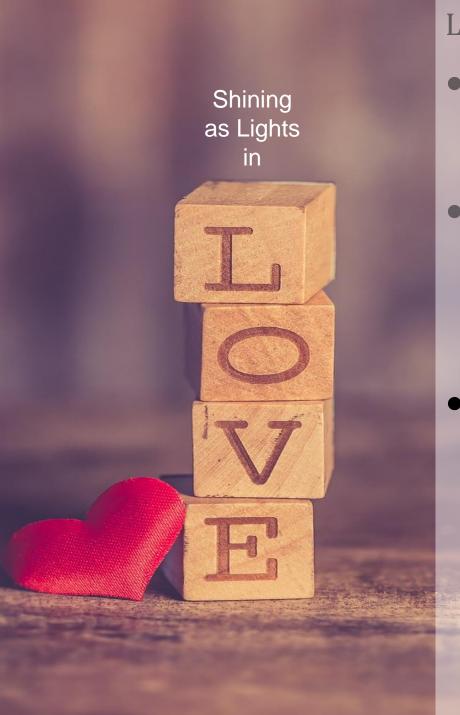
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:1 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a nosy gong or clanging cymbal ...











Love is the "More Excellent Way" (1 Cor. 13)

- More excellent than supposed spirituality
- More excellent than prophesy, knowledge and faith
- More excellent than acts of generosity and selfsacrifice



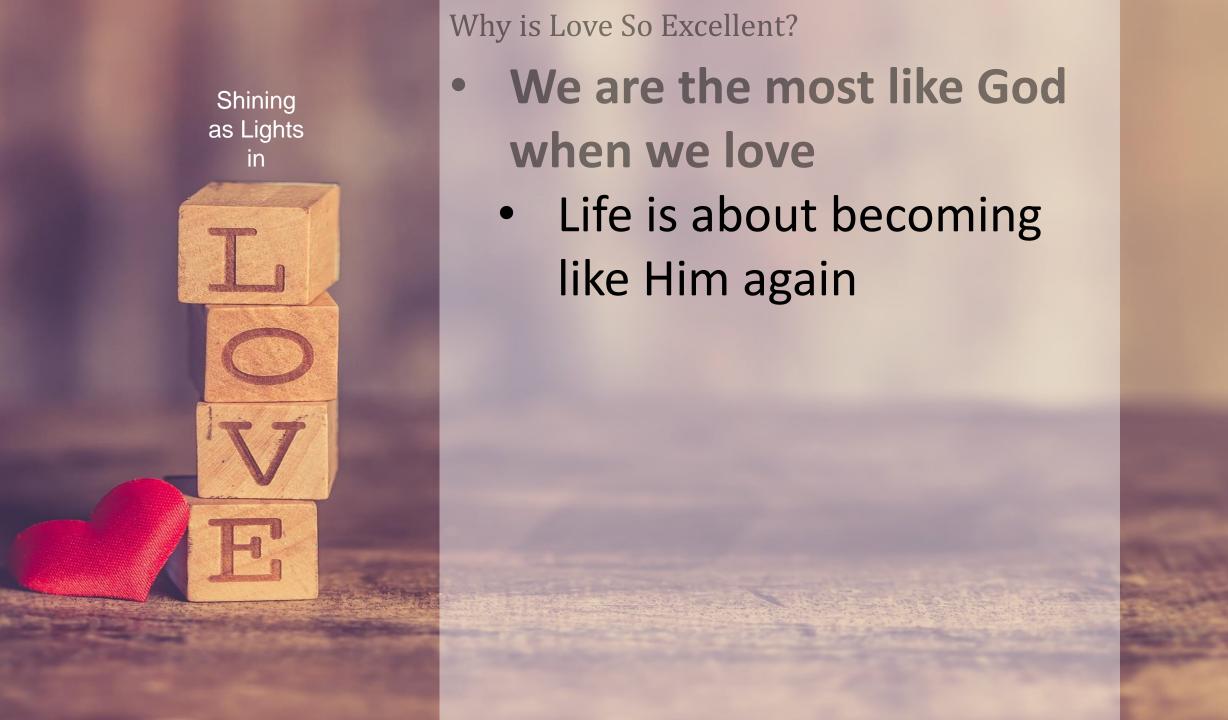




We are the most like God when we love

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because *God is love*.

1 John 4:8,16





- We are the most like God when we love
 - Life is about becoming like Him again

Romans 8:29

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.



- We are the most like God when we love
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1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.





- We are the most like God when we love
- When we feel loved, that is the closest to what Heaven will be like with God forever
- Love is everlasting!







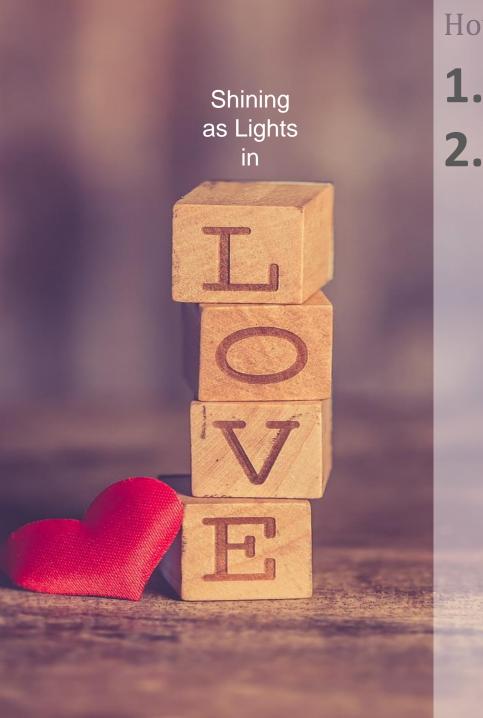




1. Submit to God

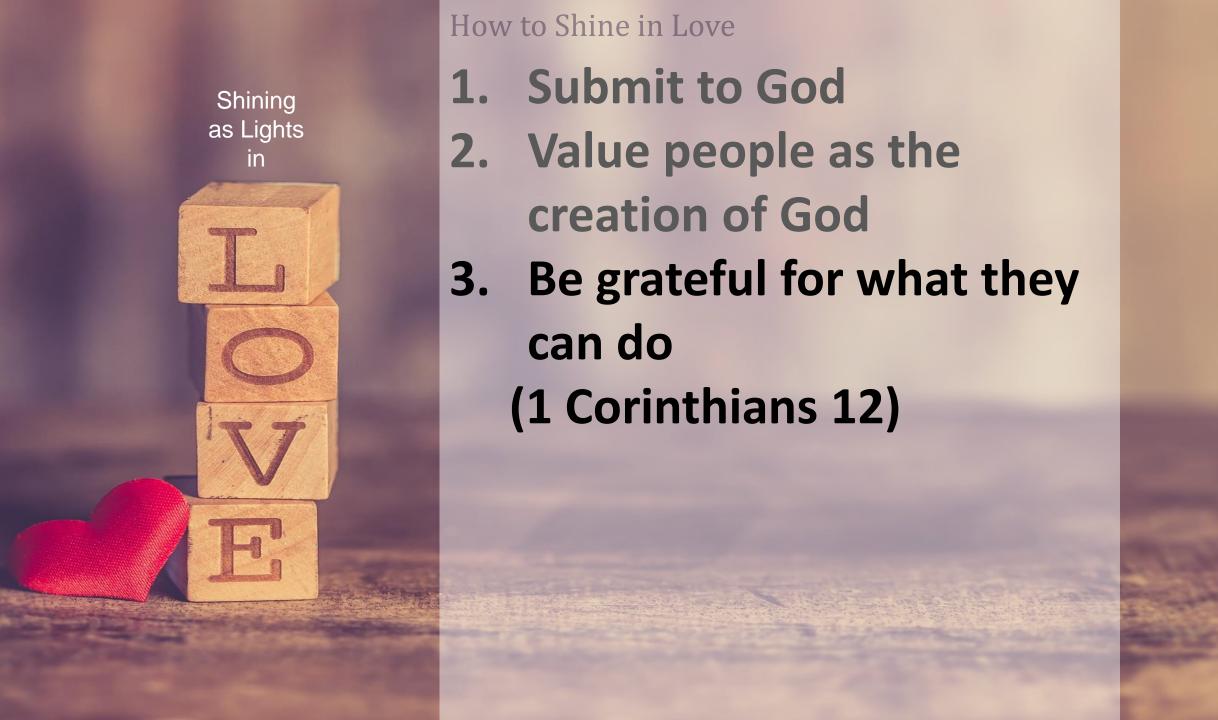
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

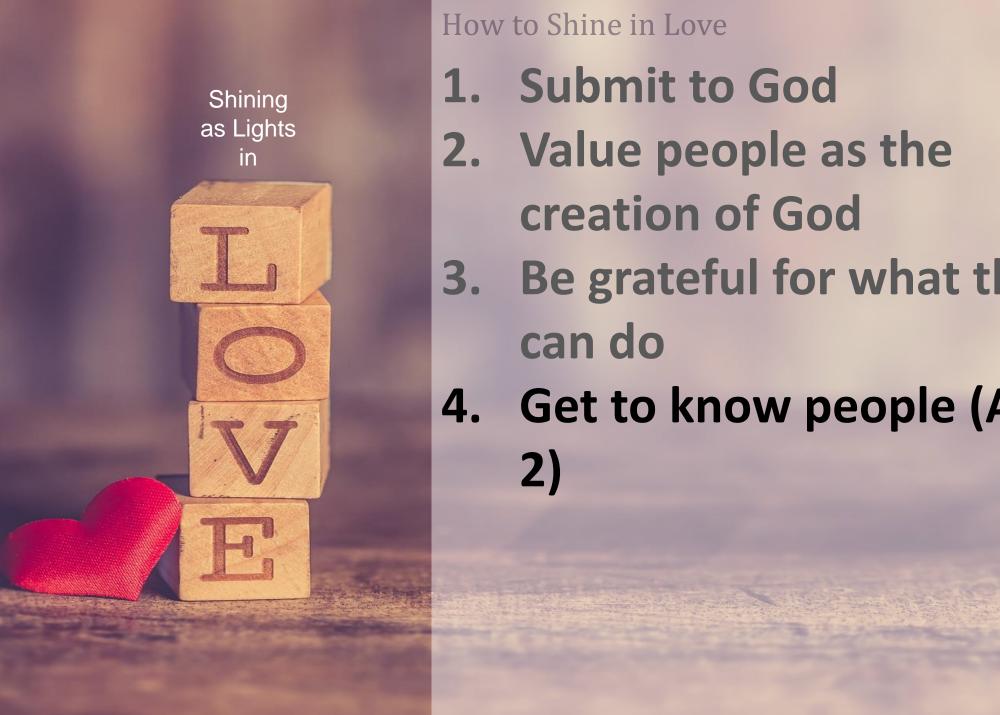




- 1. Submit to God
- 2. Value people as the creation of God

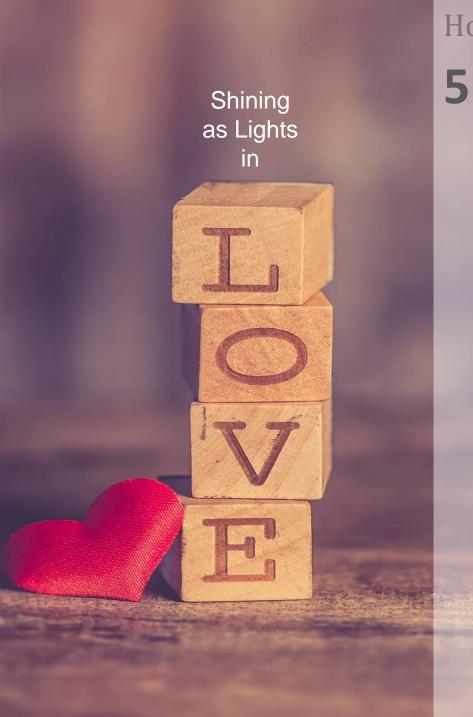
Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. (Genesis 1:26)





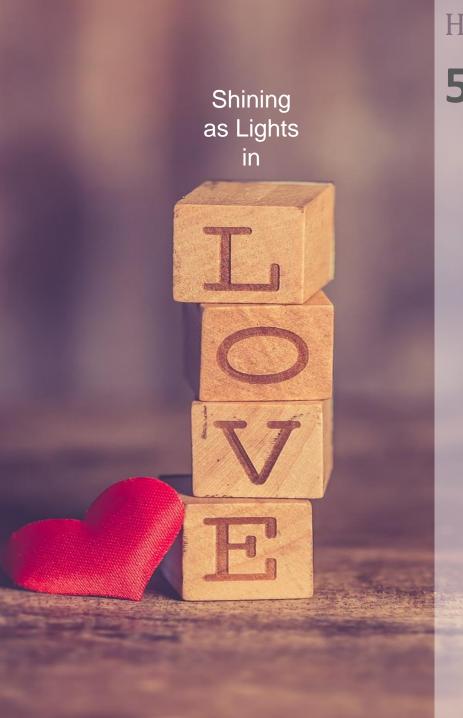
- 3. Be grateful for what they
- 4. Get to know people (Acts





others

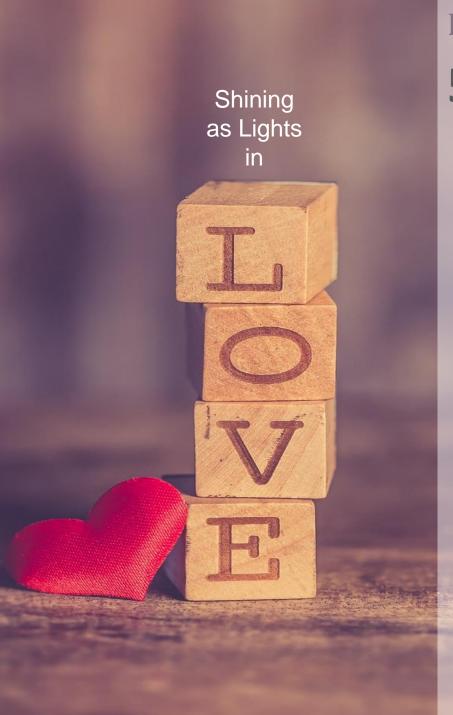
Brothers, pray for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:25



others

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



others

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

James 5:16





5. Open yourself up to others

6. Pray for people

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3





- 5. Open yourself up to others
- 6. Pray for people
- 7. Serve people

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...

1 Thessalonians 5:25