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Make it your ambition to love

Ambition

a strong desire to do or to achieve something,
typically requiring determination and hard work.

Love

an intense feeling of deep affection.

a person or thing that one loves.

feel a deep romantic or sexual attachment to (someone).

Christian Love – Selfless and Giving Love

Christian love is giving to others those things that you would want them to give you if you were in their situation -- even if they can't pay you back. It's mercy. It's charity.

When the King James translators came upon the Greek word *agape* (God's Love), in addition to using the English word "love" to transliterate it, they often chose the English word "charity." This was meant to reinforce the idea that *agape* is a selfless, giving love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends.

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Make it your ambition
to REST in the way of love

Psalm 40:2

He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.

Make it your ambition
to RUN in the way of love

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Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles**. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

Don't just ask, **“Is it a sin?”**

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Ask, **“Does it help me run?”**

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Make it your ambition
to WALK in the way of love

Lead a quiet life

Mind your own business

Work with your hands

Make it your ambition
to LIVE in the way of love

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Do we know
who we are in Christ?

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who we are in Christ?

Do we know
why we do what we do?

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

(Prayer of Saint Francis)

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*O divine Master,
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For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life."

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1 Peter 1:6-9 (ESV)

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.