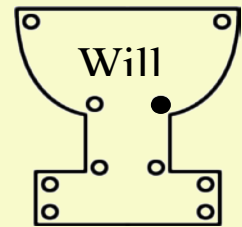


Truly Great Will of God



3.2 Accept Others

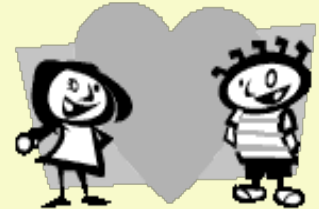
Bible Verse: 1 John 4:7

Let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Proclaim: *God's love enables me to love those whom I dislike.*

Truth: We love because God first loved us. And when we love one another, others will be able to see that we are God's disciples.

- Questions**
- (1) Why did everyone dislike Zacchaeus? (he was a tax-collector who cheated many)
 - (2) How did Jesus treat him? (with love and acceptance)
 - (3) In what ways did Zacchaeus change miraculously?
 - (4) Which type of people do you dislike most?



Scripture Reference: John 8:1-11

- Lesson:**
- (1) **A world lacking in love** – *The Bible tells us that the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of God. However, the fact is that the world has fallen short of God's glory. That is why we often feel the coldness between people and hear unpleasant or hurting words such as "You are so lousy!", "what you have done is useless!" (Romans 3:23)*
 - (2) **Human nature is self-seeking** – *Man's nature is basically self-seeking, caring for self-survival most of all. Story: There was a very young child who has yet to learn to speak clearly. When his aunt asked for the toy in his hands, the child immediately shook his head and waved his hand, saying, "Bye Bye!" Now consider: if man were not selfish, how would the child's reaction would be? According to the bible, there will be perilous times in the last days because people will be doing things only for own benefit or interest. (2 Timothy 3:2)*
 - (3) **To love others as I love myself** – *In our daily rushing about, we often have little time to show concern for others, especially for those whom we dislike. In contrast, the Lord Jesus has demonstrated selfless and boundless love. He even loved those who were unlikable/despised by many. The Lord said, "By this all men will know that you are God's disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)*
 - (4) **Love comes from God** – *It is God's will that we love one another. "If anyone says: 'I love God' but hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother whom he can see, cannot possibly love God whom he has not seen." Love comes from God. So we can only love others with the love that comes from God. May we have a greater love that will touch many lives. (1 John 4: 7-21)*

Conclusion: God is love. His will is that we accept and love one another. As a result, others can recognize us as the Lord's disciples.

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| You Will Need: | A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory verse; Picture/ Drawing (optional) |
| BIBLE STORY/NARRATION | Luke 19: 1-8 The Story of Zacchaeus |
| TELL | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zacchaeus was greedy and dishonest 2. The Lord Jesus accepted and helped Zacchaeus 3. Zacchaeus repaid all those whom he had cheated. He also gave half of all his riches to the poor 4. Discuss with students: what they most dislike in people |
| PRAY | Confess to God for the lack of love for people. Ask God for a heart of love to care about others. |