

The Pattern We Must Follow: God the Father

- Imitate the _____ of God.
- Imitate the _____ of God.
- Imitate the _____ of God.

The Position We Must Enjoy: God's Children

- We are to imitate the Father as a _____ child.
- We are to imitate the Father as His _____ child.

The Path We Must Walk: God's Love

- Forgiveness was the supreme _____ of God's love. (Revelation 1:5)
- Forgiveness will be the convincing _____ of our love.
 - The depth of our love is shown by how much we _____. (1 Peter 4:8)
 - The depth of our love is known by how much we have been _____. (Luke 7:36-47)

The Price He Paid: God's Son

- The _____ of love...
 - We do not measure love according to the _____.
 - We measure love by the _____.
 - Jesus died as our _____.
 - He gave himself up "to God."
 - Jesus died as our _____.
 - He gave himself up "for us."
- The _____ of love...
 - Jesus died for sin. We must die _____ sin.
 - Jesus gave his life for us. We must give our _____ for him.
- The _____ of love...
 - When God smelled the aroma of Noah's offering...
 - He promised never to _____ the ground.
 - When God smelled the aroma of Christ's offering...
 - He promised never to _____ his people.
- The _____ for love...
 - We can love others...
 - Because he first loved us.

"It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving."

The Pattern We Must Follow: God the Father

- Imitate the **kindness** of God.
- Imitate the **tenderness** of God.
- Imitate the **forgiveness** of God.

The Position We Must Enjoy: God's Children

- We are to imitate the Father as a **little** child.
- We are to imitate the Father as His **loved** child.

The Path We Must Walk: God's Love

- Forgiveness was the supreme **evidence** of God's love. (Revelation 1:5)
- Forgiveness will be the convincing **proof** of our love.
 - The depth of our love is shown by how much we **forgive**. (1 Peter 4:8)
 - The depth of our love is known by how much we have been **forgiven**. (Luke 7:36-47)

The Price He Paid: God's Son

- The **picture** of love...
 - We do not measure love according to the **culture**.
 - We measure love by the **cross**.
 - Jesus died as our **sacrifice**.
 - He gave himself up "to God."
 - Jesus died as our **substitute**.
 - He gave himself up "for us."
- The **pattern** of love...
 - Jesus died for sin. We must die **to** sin.
 - Jesus gave his life for us. We must give our **all** for him.
- The **perfume** of love...
 - When God smelled the aroma of Noah's offering...
 - He promised never to **curse** the ground.
 - When God smelled the aroma of Christ's offering...
 - He promised never to **condemn** his people.
- The **power** for love...
 - We can love others...
 - Because he first loved us.

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