

"Sweetest Phrases in the World"

I love you.

Keep the change.

"I'll do it Mom. You sit down."

"Where do you learn to do that so well?"

"I'll buy it out of my own money."

"I didn't call collect."

"I wrote to Grandma."

"She's just going through a stage."

"I'm glad I'm in this family."

"I filled the ice cube trays."

"Thanks for working so hard for us, Dad."

"Let's not fight over it."

"For a parent, you aren't too shabby."

"Let's stay home and enjoy each other."

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean what I said."

"You're the best friend anyone could have."

"Let's celebrate."

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learned from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.

John 15:12-17

LEARNING TO LOVE

Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love.

What makes a person a good artist, a good sculptor, or a good musician? Practice. What makes one a good person? Practice. Love is not a thing of enthusiastic emotion. It is a rich, strong, vigorous expression of the whole Christian character -- the Christ-like nature in its fullest development. And the constituents of this great character are only to be built up by ceaseless practice.

-Henry Drummond

“The love of our neighbor in all its fullness simply means being able to say to him: ‘What are you going through?’”

Simone Weil
(1909-1943)
Quoted in *Notre Dame Magazine*,
May, 1980

“Love alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way as to complete and fulfill them, for it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves.”

Teilhard de Chardin
(1881-1955)
The Phenomenon of Man