



## Keep on loving!

This is a command!

It is their character.

Brotherly love. Family love.

*Philadelphia* was used secularly exclusively of relatives.

In the church, it was used of the family of God.

I. Why is it so important to keep loving going?

1. It is worship. (12:28)
2. It is witness. (Jn 17:22-23)
3. It's our distinctive. (Jn 13:34-35)
4. The inertia of self-centered living is ready to smother love. (10:25)

II. Two ways love unselfishly serves. (2-3)

1. Family love creates a welcoming community. (2)
2. Family love creates an actively compassionate community. (3)

## How does this apply to me?

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**For next week: Read Daniel 11:1-20**



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