

## I CHOOSE LOVE

Today is another day full of opportunities to know the real You and to make the real You known, to learn to be loved, and to love.

Today I will care for Your heart because You care for mine. Today I will love You well, I will love myself well, my family and others well.

I will choose love over all else and I fully realize it will be costly to do so.

Today I choose to be patient, to be kind, not to be envious of anyone, and not to boast about myself or what I've done. I reject pride in myself and choose humility.

Today I will love by not dishonoring anyone. I cannot possibly truly love while looking out for myself, so I leave that up to God.

I refuse to be known as one who gets angry easily. Today when someone wrongs me, I will forgive and forget. I refuse to enjoy talking about what is wrong, but I will celebrate what is right and true.

I will always choose to protect rather than uncover or attack. I will always trust and assume the best instead of being suspicious or assuming the worst.

The radical love I choose today will never allow me the luxury of anything less than a hopeful perspective about God or myself, about my family or friends, or about the world.

I will relentlessly, without a moment or day off, continue in this kind of love- excluding no one, no matter who they are and no matter how I've been treated by them.

Today I cannot fail because today I choose the kind of love that always brings true success and true life.

I am not a child so I refuse to talk, think, or debate like a child.

Today I live with the awareness that I will soon see God face to face and know Him as intimately as He knows me, therefore I'll act like the adult that I am and focus on what I will take with me into eternity- my growing ability to believe in what I cannot yet see, my growing ability to filter everything through the understanding that God's heart towards me is always good, and my growing ability to choose to be extravagant with the love that has been given to me. But my favorite will forever be getting and giving this crazy love!

The truth is, even if I never show another person this kind of love, I will have full access to it myself. Because of its very definition, I can do nothing to earn it, therefore I won't require others to either. It is my privilege to choose to give this true love freely as it has been given freely to me. I refuse to be motivated by an obligation, burden, or need to perform for God.

Today wherever my voice is heard, let it resound with love!