

# “How Have I Given of Myself?”

Based on John 15:12-15 (NIV)  
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*John 15:12 & 13*

*12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.  
13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*

† **We are commanded to love one another sacrificially.**

† **Sacrificially means to give up one thing for the sake of another.**

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† I can practice sacrificial love in many ways:

♥ Praying

♥ Presence

♥ Giving

♥ Serving

♥ Witnessing

*John 15:14 & 15*

*14 You are my friends if you do what I command.*

*15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

† **Jesus wants to be my friend.**

† **Now it is up to me if I want to be his friend.**

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† **Sacrificial love means I focus not on what I am losing, but what God is gaining.**

† **Being a friend finds myself in loving service.**

† **Jesus calls for me to reproduce His spirit within me.**

**Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† Who has shown me sacrificial love in their life?

† How do I view the kind of relationship I have with Jesus ... As a reluctant servant or an intimate friend?

† What is one way this week I can better do what Jesus commands and become a more intimate friend of his?

† Who do I need to show sacrificial love to this week?