



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 15:10-17

Lord Jesus, You demonstrated Your great love for our Heavenly Father when You obeyed His commandments and remained in His love. You knew that all His commandments were expressions of His love for You and what was best for You and others. We know that all God's commandments reveal the best way for everyone to live—a way of living that will bring the most joy to God and others. Please help us remember that You came to give us life, an abundant life, an eternal life, and a joyful life within the circle of Your love with all who love You. Please help us keep all Your commandments because we love You. Please help us serve You by showing what it means to love You and remain close to You. Help us set a good example for others—even as You set a good example for us and the world by Your love and obedience. Please help us lead others to a true faith in You as we share the truth You shared with us in word and deed in the Bible. Please help us lead others to abide in Your love, keep Your commandments, and remain in Your joy—even as we know the true joy that comes from above through the Holy Spirit living within us. Please help us remain as Your true friends. Please reveal more truths to us as we read and study Your true word—the Bible. We want to remain Your friends. We want to love You and serve You because You are worthy to be loved as the Lord and Savior of the world. Thank You for choosing us and appointing us to represent You, and please hear our prayers as You promised. Help us love one another as You have shown us how to love You and others. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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