



## BALANCE OF LOVE

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- Agape also stands up for justice and \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Love does not seek \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Love always protects from \_\_\_\_\_.

### What is imminent danger:

1. Serious \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 82:3-4 (EXB)** *Save [Rescue] the weak [or poor] and helpless; free [protect] them from the power [hand] of the wicked.*

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 5:12-14 (NLT)** *It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."*

**Matthew 5:38-39 (TPT)** *“Your ancestors have also been taught, ‘Take an eye in exchange for an eye and a tooth in exchange for a tooth.’ However, I say to you, don’t repay an evil act with another evil act. But whoever insults you by slapping you on the right cheek, turn the other to him as well.”*

- I don't have to repay \_\_\_\_\_.
- I simply need to remain \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 3:9-12 (MSG)** *No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that’s your job, to bless. You’ll be a blessing and also get a blessing. Whoever wants to embrace life and see the day fill up with good, Here’s what you do: Say nothing evil or hurtful; Snub evil and cultivate good; run after peace for all you’re worth. God looks on all this with approval, listening and responding well to what he’s asked; But he turns his back on those who do evil things.*

## **CARING ENOUGH TO CONFRONT**

**Matthew 18:15-17 (MSG)** *“If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God’s forgiving love.”*

**2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 (ESV)** *If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.*



**GOAL #1:** To lead us to repentance (new life).

**GOAL #2:** For us to love the way God loves.

**GOAL #3:** Gratitude for God's gift of new life.

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Story of my Dad turning the cheek. Till a man grabbed mom.

- Love does not seek **revenge** or **retaliation**.
- Love always protects from **imminent danger**.

### **What is imminent danger:**

1. Serious **risk of harm**. Kid in school with gun—Suicide.
2. **Domestic Violence**. Domestic Violence always escalates.
3. **Child Abuse**. We don't look the other way. We protect.

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4. **Sexual Assault**. We report so they can't hurt again.

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Love isn't weak. Love simply works towards God's goals.

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