

# The Dash

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The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters most is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

Live Your 'Dash' by following the TEACHINGS OF CHRIST:

## Matthew 22: 37-40

**37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

**38** This is the first and great commandment.

**39** And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

**40** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets

## Loving Your Brother

### I John 4:20-21

**20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

**21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

## Live Peaceably, Overcome Evil With Good

### Romans 12: 17-21

**17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

**18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

**19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

**20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

**21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Speak Good, Grieve Not The Holy Spirit, Put Away Bitterness And Wrath, Be Forgiving.**

### **Ephesians 4:29-32**

**29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

**31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

**32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

## **Be Perfect, Be Of One Mind, Live In Peace**

### **II Corinthians 13:11**

**11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Perfect: implies full development, growth into maturity and godiness, not sinless perfection.

## **Have Compassion, Be Courteous**

### **I Peter 3:8**

**8** Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

courteous=humbleminded

## **Seek godliness With Contentment**

### **I Timothy 6: 5-11**

**5** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

**6** But godliness with contentment is great gain.

**7** For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

**8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

**9** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

**10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

### **Summary:**

The 'Dash' is worth more than Diamonds, Pearls, Rubies, Silver or Gold. It's worth cannot be counted in money. The worth of the 'Dash' is valued and seen in our lives lived in obedience to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the lives and hearts we touch in being contenders for the faith, and witnesses for the testimony of Jesus.

A 'Dash' well lived is one lived in:

- ✓ Obedience To Gods Word
- ✓ Loving The Lord With All Thy Heart, Soul, and Mind
- ✓ Loving Thy Neighbor as Thyself
- ✓ Living Peaceably, Overcoming Good With Evil
- ✓ Speaking Good, Grieving Not The Holy Spirit
- ✓ Putting Away Bitterness and Wrath, Be Forgiving
- ✓ Living In Peace
- ✓ Having Compassion
- ✓ Seeking godliness with Contentment.

The Dash Poem  
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I read of a man who stood to speak,  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth  
And spoke the following with tears.  
But he said what mattered most of all,  
Was the dash in between those years.

For the dash represents, all the time  
That she spent alive on earth.  
And how only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters most is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough,  
To consider what is true and real.  
And always try to understand,  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more,  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.