



For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

1 John 3:11 (ESV)

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 1 John 3:23 (ESV)

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)

WHAT IS YOUR " _____ OF GRACE"?

- All of us are doing the _____ we can with what we _____.
- A summary of what you believe about...
 - How we _____ as individuals
 - How God _____ us to work
 - What can go _____ and
 - How to _____ it

HOW DO WE BECOME THE WAY WE ARE?

3 KEY FACTORS:

1. _____ AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL PREDISPOSITION - DEUT 5:9

You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children**, and on the third and the fourth generations... Deuteronomy 5:9 (NASB)

2. EARLY-LIFE IMPRINTS

- Experience + _____ = Imprint
- Most are in place by age _____

3. OUR LIFE _____

SHADES OF GRACE

- ALL OF US ARE DOING THE _____ WE CAN WITH WHAT WE _____
- IF IT'S GOING TO BE, THANK GOD, IT'S _____ UP TO ME. (PHIL 2:13)
- TWO COMMON (BUT WRONG) ATTITUDES ABOUT CHANGE:
 1. _____
 2. I can't help it - - - that's just the way I am
- CHANGE IS A _____, NOT AN _____