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Big Picture: Love is perfected through _____

Your love for God is demonstrated through your obedience. (15:9-10)

- Jesus followed God _____.
- When you _____, you don't obey.

"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'"
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- When you don't obey you can't _____.
 - "Just _____ it"
 - Obedience requires _____.
- As you learn something new from God's Word, make it a habit to take _____ action.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. (James 1:22-24)

Love and obedience involves every part of you.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind. (Luke 10:27)

- Your _____ to love increases as you maintain a constant flow to and from the vine.
- Unconfessed _____ will always interrupt your fellowship.

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A primary characteristic of perfect love—sacrifice. (15:12-13)

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This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (1 John 3:16a)

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If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? (1 John 3:17)
- Taking loving _____ with all _____.

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