

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master Before the Mirror of God's Word*
Lesson 13 — Loving Others By Laying Down Our Lives — 1 John 3:13-18

Memory Work — 1 John 3:16

- 1) (a) According to I John 3:13-18, what specifications (I.E. words or phrases) does John use to describe how we are to manifest love to others? (b) What are the words or phrases he uses to describe our hatred or indifference to others?
- 2) Why should believers not be surprised at the world's hatred for them? See Matthew 10:24,25, 34-36; John 15:18-25; John 16:1-3.
- 3) (a) Do you think that the laying down of Christ's life was easy for Him? Support your answer with Scripture. (b) How does this help you as you think about laying down your own life? (c) What do you think John means when he says we are to "lay down our lives for the brethren?"
- 4) In each of the following examples, share *who* was in need, *what* was the need, *who* met the need, and *how* was the need met in deed and in truth? Exodus 1:22-2:10; I Samuel 22:1-4; Luke 10:30-37; John 19:25-27; Philippians 2:25-30. (b) What principles can you glean for your own life when endeavoring to love others?
- 5) (a) What are some ways in which the world manifests its hatred towards believers today? (b) In the workplace? (c) In your neighborhood? (d) In your family? (e) In your church?
- 6) (a) Is there anyone you hate? (b) What does John say about those who hate in this passage? (c) What are you going to do about your sin?
- 7) (a) What could you do this week to exhibit love to someone according to the standard of love John sets forth in I John 3:16-18? (b) Do it!
- 8) After contemplating this week's lesson, come with a request for your partner.