

“The Follow Jesus Project”

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Thoughts to consider:

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Romans 13:9-10

Galatians: 5:14

James 2:8

Thoughts to consider:

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Friday, Oct. 16

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Inspect your life. Are there areas where more love for others could be shown?

Saturday, Oct. 17

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