

# Portrait of a Methodist

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A Methodist is one who has the love of God shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Spirit given unto them.

One who loves the Lord God with all their heart and soul and mind and strength.

One who rejoices evermore, prays without ceasing, and in everything gives thanks.

One whose heart is full of love to all humankind and is purified from envy, wrath, malice, and every unkind affection.

Their one desire and the one design in life is not to do their own will, but the will of him who sent him.

They keep all God's commandments from the least to the greatest.

They follow not the customs of the world, for vice does not lose its nature through becoming fashionable.

They fare not sumptuously every day.

They cannot lay up treasures upon earth, nor can they adorn themselves with gold and costly apparel.

They cannot join in any diversion that has the least tendency to vice.

They cannot speak evil of his neighbour any more than he can lie.

They cannot utter unkind or evil words.

They do good unto all people, unto neighbours, strangers, friends and enemies.

These are the principles and practices of our sect.

These are the marks of a true Methodist.

By these alone do Methodists desire to be distinguished from all others.

