

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT – PART 2?

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I. WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD TELL ME ABOUT LOVE?

1. LOVE IS MY HIGHEST PRIORITY!

“³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39

“³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. ³¹ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” Mark 12:30

II. WHAT DOES LOVE REALLY DO FOR ME?

1. LOVE DRIVES ME

“⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:40

“¹⁹ We love each other because he loved us first.” 1 John 4:19

“¹ I love you, LORD; you are my strength.... ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not turned from my God to follow evil. ²² I have followed all his regulations; I have never abandoned his decrees. ²³ I am blameless before God; I have kept myself from sin.” Psalm 18:1 & 21-23

LOVE DRIVES ME TO:

i. Seek Time In God's Presence

“¹ O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. ² I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. ³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. ⁵ You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. ⁶ I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.” Psalm 63:1-6

ii. Abide In The Vine Of Christ

“⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing... ⁹ “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.” John 15:5 & 9-10

iii. The Point Of Obedience To God & His Word

“¹⁵ If you love me, obey my commandments.” John 14:15

“³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.” 1 John 2:3-5

iv. My Knees In Worship

“⁴¹ I love you, LORD; you are my strength.... ⁴⁶ The LORD lives! Praise to my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted!... O LORD, I will praise you among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.” Psalm 18:1 & 46

v. Serve God & Others To The Point Of Sacrifice

“¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13

“⁴¹ Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴² Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. ⁴³ Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. ⁴⁴ For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.” Mark 12:41-44

vi. Care For My Brothers & Sisters In Christ

“³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:35

vii. Reach The Lost & Help Them Find Salvation

“¹¹ Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too... ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us... ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ’s ambassadors.” 2 Corinthians 5:11, 14, & 18-20

2. LOVE GIVES ME MOVITATION TO OVERCOME OBSTICLES & PUSH THROUGH EXCUSES

“¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us...” 2 Corinthians 5:14

“¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.” 1 John 4:18

“¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13

3. LOVE KEEPS ME CONNECTED TO OTHERS

“¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.” Colossians 3:14

4. LOVE KEEPS ME FOCUSED ON OTHERS RATHER THAN MYSELF

“³ Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.” Philippians 2:3-5

5. LOVE PREPARES ME TO DO THE WORK GOD HAS CALLED ME TO DO

“¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.” Ephesians 3:17-19

6. LOVE GIVES LIFE MEANING, DIRECTION, PURPOSE & RICHNESS

“¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be

nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

III. HOW CAN I KINDLE THE LOVE REQUIRED TO LIVE OUT THE GREAT COMMANDMENT?

1. REFUSE TO LOVE _____

"¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you." 1 John 2:15

KEY: This Will Require Me To Secure Firm Boundaries Between My _____

& The _____

"¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me the world, I have sent them into the world." John 17:15-18

2. SEEK TO _____ THE LOVE OF GOD

"¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." Ephesians 3:18

THIS REQUIRES:

i. Time In _____

"¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

ii. The _____

"²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." John 14:26

3. ALLOW THE LOVE OF GOD TO MOVE _____

"⁸ 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹ Their worship is a farce...' Matthew 15:8-9

"³⁷ Jesus replied, 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37-28

THIS REQUIRES:

i. A Continual _____

"¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:18-19

ii. Me To Begin, On Faith, _____

"¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully." Ephesians 3:19

"¹⁵ If you love me, obey my commandments." John 14:15

"⁵ But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we

are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:5-6

**KEY: I Will Likely Experience God’s Love Most Intensely When I _____
& When I See His _____**

*“¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:18-20*

“³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” Matthew 9:35-38

NOTE: The Ministry Impact Here Is His Impact On _____, And His Impact On _____

4. PURSUE A DEEPER, INTIMATE _____ WITH GOD

“¹⁶ God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.” 1 John 4:16

“¹ As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.” Psalm 42:1

“¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

““¹ O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water... ⁶ I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.” Psalm 63:1 & 6

KEY: This Will Primarily Include _____

5. LEARN TO _____ GOD & WHAT _____

“²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6:21

“⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires.” Psalm 37:4

“¹¹ But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread Your protection over them, that all who love Your name may be filled with joy. ¹² For You bless the godly, O LORD; You surround them with Your shield of love.” Psalm 5:11-12

*“³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:37-40*

KEY: I Can Easily Keep Tabs On Where My Treasure Is At By Looking At How I _____

6. WHATEVER I DO, CHOOSE TO DO IT _____, & THEN _____

*“²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”
Colossians 3:23-24*