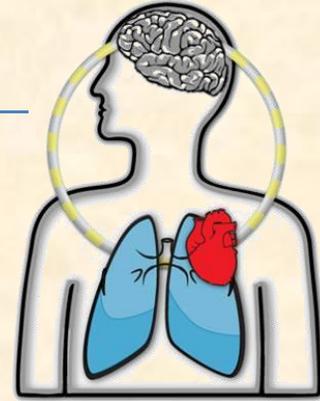


Love is a life time

A balance between the ways we feel and the way we think

Life is an incomprehensible journey. For some it is a series of adventures, from one exploration to the next. For others, it is a series of discoveries, from one intellectual experience to the next. Again, for others, it is series of consequences based on knee-jerk decisions. Each journey has a common goal “to search out life’s meaning before passing on the other side.” Most will agree that it takes a life time putting together the pieces. In our effort to live life in its fullest, we miss life’s key operating agent – LOVE. Our Adamic nature (*the nature we inherited from the first man Adam*) operates on conditional love. Meaning that we frustrate ourselves trying to figure out who is worthy of our love. Our selfish motives limit us from being loved, or receiving love from others. Unfortunately, many people go through life feeling lonely in a crowded room.



We share similar life qualities, yet difference expressions in our ability to accept, love, give-out or take-in. After 50 years of living on this earth, I realized that life lessons can only be caught – not taught. You simply have to live it out! Our Lord and Savior, Jesus, know this all too well; which is why He declared “*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*” Our Lord and Savior want you to experience life at its fullest, which is why He traded His life for yours. And the medium which drove Jesus to the cross, to bear our sins, was “LOVE.” John 3:16 records “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*”

After coming to Christ, I had to teach myself to be trust in the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to demonstrate the joy of abundant living. I realized quickly that some responsibility fell on my shoulder; I was responsible for my own intelligence. God did not send His Holy Spirit to be my baby sitter, rather to be my teacher. Soon, it was easy to discover the treasures of life, and challenge my heart to “LOVE,” *unconditionally*. By doing so, I recognized that one of the hardest areas in which to trust God is in the matter of justice. When we feel that we have received an injustice action, we want to see the guilty party punished. We want justice to triumph immediately, especially if we are the victim. If we are not avenged quickly, we become impatient, and close up. In day-to-day life, with all its challenges, we are tempted to be offended by other people. They hurt us. Life does not turn out as expected. People misunderstand us or don’t treat us as we think they should. However, God warns us that focusing on this attitude is a bait in which our adversary can use to sabotage our life, and allude that love is foreign, unpredictable, far reaching, or unobtainable.

The truth is LOVE begins with you. You cannot make anyone love you; however, you can love yourself, and in some cases forgive yourself for holding onto shame, resentment, anger, and bitterness. Releasing your inner feeling to God makes room in your heart for His Devine Love. It works! It is, however, your responsibility to release it, and the Lord will do His part. Many of God’s people live years believing, or wondering if God really loves them. They spend most of their time trying to “live for God” by attempting

to follow “rules” in hope to gain our Savior’s approval. Unfortunately, they have very limited ways to measure their spiritual success, because the rules that they have developed is subject to human frailty and control. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit changes our rules – everyone is accepted, welcomed, embraced, and loved. This love relationship, with Christ, is genuine. It impels the Christian to follow, submit, and change his/her worldview and self-perception. The bible refers to this as *walking in the Spirit*; which is the mechanic behind abundant life-living. Only then can Love be a life time.

Remembering the word to the Ecclesiastical prophet “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” *Ecclesiastes 12: 13*

Let’s finish with this prayer ... remember to pray it out loud:

I am thankful, heavenly Father, for the expression of your will for my life. You have demonstrated your love for me through your Word. Today, I declare your spoken word as my life-strength. I am thankful that you have blessed me with all spiritual blessings as promised in your Word. I am thankful that you have begotten me unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I am thankful that you have made a provision for me so that, today, I can live a life filled with love, joy and self-control.

Heavenly Father, I pray that you would show me ways that the enemy is trying to influence me through distorting your truth in my life. I pray that you would show me Grace, and enable me to be the kind of person that would please you. Enable me to be aggressive in prayer. Enable me to be aggressive mentally, and to think like Christ, so that I can give you your rightful place in my life. In Jesus Precious Name ... Amen!



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