

“LOVE” Letter

LOVE is the Foundation

Love is such a small word, only four letters but carries such a great deal of weight when used with sincerity. *“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.” John 3:16*

We must respond to such an outpouring of love appropriately. God said the way He will know we love Him is by keeping His commandments. **John 14:15** *“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”* We were charged by Jesus in **Mark 12:30-31** to love God and our neighbors. *“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”*

Sometimes we may feel we need love shown to us, so how can I give something I need so badly myself? Many of us I know have been there. However, I have heard God say “Look in the mirror and speak life to yourself. I have ordained you an encourager now encourage yourself.” You must say what God says and the first person you must say it to is YOU. You have to say “I am what you see Lord.”

God wants us to love ourselves, because how can we love others as ourselves if we really do not like us? I know some may associate loving oneself with selfishness but not so if you are living for God. As you will find in the scriptures God expects you to love yourself and that is why He tells you to love others as you do yourself.

Jesus being our example never just stated His love for mankind; He showed us even to the giving up of His life. Love caused Him to give it up because no one could take it. He had to lay it down. Let us be like minded, showing forth that same love by taking up our cross and following Jesus daily.

God will always put people in your path that will need something. They will need an uplifting word of encouragement, a pair of shoes, clothes, or a meal to eat. Whatever it may be, there will be an opportunity for you to show that God lives and reigns in your life.

Let us brag on God by letting Him be seen in us. In doing so we will draw souls to the Kingdom of God through "LOVE".



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