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Psalms 112:5

ARE YOU GENEROUS AND DISCREET ABOUT IT?

Another important element to a righteous man's character is found in today's verse. Those who walk in the light of their righteousness will be generous with others, and when they give (or lend), they'll do it discreetly. That's part of what Jesus was talking about in Matthew 6:3,4. When you offer financial help to others, do it with class. Don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing. In other words, do it discreetly, and your Heavenly Father will one day reward you openly in heaven, where it really counts. Usually, when God tells us to lend or give to help someone financially, He'll impress us to keep quiet about it. Not always, but most of the time. Why? Because unless there's some kingdom purpose in having a lot of others know about it, there's really no need to inform others about what you've done to help so-and-so. It's enough to know that God knows.

There is a time to speak, and a time to be quiet about such things. The wise, mature believer knows when it's the right time for both. But to start with, you have to be willing to be generous, right? The need for discretion isn't all that important to the one unwilling to give or lend, is it? And, once again, here's another scriptural reason for why prosperity is necessary and ordained of God. You can't lend if you don't have anything to lend with. And you can't give what you don't have. Either way – lending or giving – you've got to have some measure of surplus in your life, otherwise you can't do either of these even if God wants you to. The righteous man is supposed to be a prosperous man financially, because this verse is specifically talking about lending. Lending is a term used to talk about financial matters, right? Most of the time, if you're talking about lending something, it's involving money. So you have every right to anticipate and expect God's financial blessings – for the purpose of being a discreet lender and giver. Would that be you today?

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Psalms 112:6

STIRRED, NOT SHAKEN!

Today's verse highlights a wonderful attribute that comes from being the righteous person of God. The righteous will never be shaken. They are solid as a rock. Nothing discourages them. Nothing can stop them. Nothing will cause them to quit or give up. The word used is the word "surely". Surely you can come to the place in life where, because of your relationship with Jesus, you are never shaken! No matter what, you stay focused, committed and dedicated to whatever task is at hand for the Lord. And not only that, but instead of becoming shaken when unexpected surprises come your way, you actually get stirred up to see things through to victory. In the James Bond movies, Bond always orders a martini that is shaken, not stirred. Well for us in Christ, it's the opposite! We're stirred, not shaken! The more the devil comes against us, or the more we face unexpected challenges, the more stirred up and committed we become towards victory.

The more time you spend with God in prayer and Bible Study, the more SURELY you'll become, no matter how many surprise attacks are launched against you. Whatever the devil throws your way, SURELY you will not be shaken. Like a rock, you'll remain steadfast and true to the Lord. Like what it says in 1 Corinthians 15:58. As we abound in our work for the Lord, we remain steadfast and immovable. Nothing can dissuade us, nothing can prevent us. We're set for victory, and like Jesus in Isaiah 50:7, our faces are

like “flint” towards the promise of God. What does it mean to have your face set like flint? It means you’re bound and determined to win, to obtain the promises you need fulfilled from God, and to remain on course and in your lane, running your race with eyes set only on the finish line! Is that your mentality today? Or are you easily shaken when things don’t go your way? The righteous person stays steadfast day in and day out. How about you?

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Psalms 112:6

NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN!

Remember that you’re working not just for something in this life, but more importantly, for something that will last for all eternity. The work you do on earth in the Name of Jesus is not just for this temporary time, but forever as well. I often tell people to learn to see their lives from an eternal standpoint, which when they do that, will enable them to consistently make right choices with their time, talent, resources, assets and money. What you do for God in this life will echo forever in eternity. Why? Because there is not time in the spirit world! Everything is the forever “now.” No past, and no future. Just the present, the now!

"All the right choices you make now will not just benefit you now, but will position you for greater works once we cross over and enter into eternity. Things you do for God, especially the little things, have eternal ramifications. Don’t forget that! Everything you do to help others draw closer to God is important, and will be remembered for all eternity by both those you help, and God Himself. No kind or good deed is overlooked by God. He sees them all, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant they may seem to you. Just a warm smile for someone who needs one. Or a sack of groceries to your neighbor because you know they’re going through a rough time. Or buying someone a pair of shoes because you know they need a pair. Simple things. Little things. Important things and eternal things! When it comes to the things of God, spiritual things, nothing is insignificant. No effort is wasted, and no kind deed overlooked. The righteous person knows this, that’s why they’re never upset or feeling like they’ve been taken advantage of. That’s the right kind of attitude to have. Do you have it today?"

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Psalms 112:7

YOU CAN BE FEARLESS!

"The more you walk in the light of your righteous standing in Christ, the more fearless you become. No matter what kind of bad news comes your way, you stand tall and strong, knowing the power of faith, and the faithfulness of your Lord and God. This is the testimony of the Psalms 112 person. They don't get rattled. They don't panic. They don't wilt under the pressure to compromise. They just stay constant, immovable, always trusting in the Lord for help, strength, guidance, deliverance - or whatever else it may be they need to deal with the bad news. Is this where you are in your life today?"

"Today's verse talks about having a steadfast heart through trust in the Lord. There is really no other way to get that kind of heart. You have to **DECIDE** to trust God, and walk in faith. It's a choice, and one God expects you to make everyday. The reason it's so hard for some to trust God is because they haven't spent any time with Him, either in prayer or Bible Study. Consequently, they have no real awareness that He's for them

and not against them. They really have no inner peace about God's power and ability to save and deliver from any attack that comes against us. But the righteous person has a lifestyle that revolves around time spent with God. As a result, they're not afraid of ANYTHING the devil throws at them. They know in their hearts that God is God, and the devil isn't. That's when their heart becomes truly STEDFAST. I encourage you today to seek after God until you come to that place of KNOWING in your heart. Where you are unafraid, and your heart is steadfast in the Lord. It can be done. You can be fearless!"

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Psalms 112:8

ESTABLISHING YOUR HEART

"Don't let the threats of your enemies disturb you one bit. In fact, if your heart is established in Christ, you'll actually find yourself laughing at the threats the devil brings against you. The more established your heart becomes, the more steadfast you become! The more you establish your heart, the less of a place fear has in your life. Jesus said that one of the signs pointing to His soon return would be that men's hearts fail them for fear of what they see coming on the earth (Luke 21:26). But for the righteous person, their hearts get stronger as the days become more and more unstable and unpredictable. Is that a description of you today?"

"When the devil attacks you, or members of your family, with sickness, disease, financial distress, confusion, anxiety or whatever - are you fearful? That is the default response for most believers because they've not taken the time to establish their hearts with God. But the more you put forth the effort to establish your heart, the stronger you'll become, and you'll be able to stand your ground in faith until you see your desire upon your enemies - not the other way around! Take the time to establish your heart with God. How? Through taking care of the 7 priorities of life. Worship, praise, prayer, confession, meditation, study and reading, and sharing (witnessing). Do those 7 priorities daily, and your heart will become established and fearless. You'll come to the place where you just laugh at the enemy when he comes to you with his pitiful threats and accusations. It's a nice place to be - are you there yet?"

8/6/09

Psalms 112:9

ARE YOU A GIVER OR A TAKER?

"In today's verse, we see another wonderful characteristic of the person who walks in the light of righteousness. Generosity! Not just once in awhile, but as a way of life. Righteous people know the nature of God, and the principles of the kingdom. God is a giver, and everything in His kingdom operates on the principles of seed time and harvest time (Mark 4:26-32). Cheap and stingy Christians have no idea about God's nature or character. They have no ability to get into a Divine flow with the Lord because they don't understand that EVERYTHING He does is done because He's a giver. Never forget this: anytime God gets involved giving is involved too. Those close to God know this, that's why they're people who ""disperse"" and give to the poor as a way of life. Are you like this?"

"I'm so sorry to say that most Christians give God their leftovers. After they've bought all their toys, gifts, accessories, possessions and equipment, then they see what they can give to God. That mentality is so pervasive in the body of Christ its sickening.

Sickening to God, and sickening to me. People won't hesitate one minute to take out that credit card and put themselves under bondage to the bank for some ridiculous purchase - buying things they don't really need but just want to have - and then say they can't give to God because they've got all these ""bills"" to pay! What a joke! What spiritual hypocrisy! That's not living the righteous lifestyle. The righteous person gives because they don't know any other way to live. Holding back, and hoarding up possessions and earthly treasures is as foreign to them as sin is foreign to God. Is this how you think? It should be, if you're going to be a member of the Psalms 112 club! How much of your income are you giving to God? What are the percentages? Look around your house, and see what you have. Then, look around the world, and see what others don't have. If you have Jesus and they don't, you are a debtor to them (Romans 15:27). You OWE them a lifestyle that's based upon generosity towards the things of God. Are you there yet?"

8/7/09

Psalms 112:10

MAKE THE WICKED ENVY YOUR SUCCESS!

"What a great way to end Psalms 112! After all that God does for the one who walks in the light of true righteousness, we come to this. The wicked stand back and just gnaw on their teeth in anger and jealousy over what they see God blessing us with. It says in today's verse that the wicked will see and BE GRIEVED! Ha! What a great way to live. Blessing God, being blessed by God, and driving the wicked and evil crazy with anger, envy and jealousy! It also says the desire of the wicked will perish. That means whatever he's trying to do against you will falter and fail. Isn't that a great place to be in life?" "It all happens when we do what Psalms 112 tells us to do. I encourage you to read this Psalms often, and meditate on the marvelous statements found in it. In Christ, you can come to a place where not only are you being blessed beyond your wildest imaginations, but your enemies will even have to admit that God's power is at work in your life. Verse 9 says your horn will be exalted! That means you'll enjoy promotions, favor, special treatment, honor and prestige - all for the glory of God, and for the ability to witness more effectively in Jesus' Name. I'm reminded of what it says in Psalms 23:5. God is ready to prepare for us a table of bounty and provision IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR ENEMIES. So this verse isn't talking about what we get when we go to Heaven, is it? It couldn't be, because we won't have any enemies up there. No, our enemies are here, on earth, in this life. So in their presence, we watch God bless us, provide for us, help us, shower us with favor and good fortune, and promote us to a place of prominence for the sake of the Great Commission. Is that what you want? Instead of the devil laughing at us, and for ungodly sinners to stand back making fun of Christians like you, we come to a place where they actually become jealous over what they see we have from God in our lives. Yes, you can come to this place. All it takes is to be a doer of Psalms 112. Start today!"

8/8/09

2 Chronicles 20:3

WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN FEAR COMES?

"I encourage you to read the whole story of which today's verse is a part. It's marvelous, and though I've read it many times, still it thrills me when I meditate on it. In fact, right now in my life, I'm facing certain ministry challenges which in the natural seem impossible to tackle successfully, but God has led me back to this story, and to the

wonderful principles exhibited by King Jehoshaphat and his people here. The first things to see is that when the King was told about this huge invading army coming against him, he FEARED. We've all been there, haven't we? Bad news comes our way, and the first thing that we feel is fear. Let me say something about fear. Fear, when allowed to remain in your life, is nothing more than faith in reverse. It's a firm belief that one or more of the promises of God will fail in your life! That's really what fear is. Its not just a feeling, but a spiritual force. In fact, the Bible says there is a SPIRIT OF FEAR (2 Timothy 1:7). "Its natural for fear to come when we've just been given bad news, or a bad report of some kind. Jehoshaphat did, and we will have that same temptation come against us too. But when he realized that fear had gripped his heart, he did the right thing - the smart thing! He set himself to seek the Lord, and called for a nationwide fast before the Lord. Now that's what most people DON'T do when fear comes against them, is it? But how about you? When fear comes, what do you do, and where do you go? If you're smart, you'll go straight to the Lord, and set yourself upright in faith as you bask in His presence once again. The more time you spend with God, the more you'll see that the more impossible things look for us, the more possible they are for God in our lives! I mean, He absolutely thrives in that kind of environment. When we realize its totally impossible for us, that's when He's glorified the most in delivering us! I like that! I want that! How about you? Make your aim today to develop the discipline of setting yourself to seek the Lord the moment fear tries to take hold of you. Do that, and you'll whip the devil every time because fear is one of his most potent and successful weapons against us."

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2 Chronicles 20:12

KEEP YOUR EYES ON GOD!

I love this prayer! What should we do when we're facing the impossible? Cry and feel sorry for ourselves? No! We're to do what Jehoshaphat did. We to come to God, and fix our eyes upon Him and His promises. Every time I read that prayer, my spirit leaps for joy within me. Basically, the King acknowledges that in the natural, they have absolutely no ability to stand against this mighty horde of invading forces, but in spite of that fact, they KNOW that they are in covenant with a God who is well able to take care of them and protect them. And even though they don't know what to do, they know enough to fix their eyes upon God, and let Him be God in their lives! Are you doing the same? When you face something seemingly overwhelming; something that is bigger than your faith, you need to do what these verses tell you to do. Go to God, and STAY IN HIS PRESENCE until you overcome the temptation to fear, and once again come to the place of reassurance that NOTHING is too difficult for our God. This is what the King did in this story of deliverance and victory. He and his people went to God, and chose to focus their attention on His ability, strength, faithfulness, power, and whatever else He had that they needed at that moment. You know, its not a sin to admit to God that you don't know what to do. Jehoshaphat did it. But don't just stop there. Don't just admit you're helpless against the onslaught coming against you. Instead, use that fact as the foundation for your faith in God, and believe that in spite of the impossible circumstances facing you, your God WILL come through for you and deliver you to victory. Where are your eyes today? On God, or on the problem. The more you focus on the size of the problem, the bigger it becomes to you. On the other hand, the more you focus upon

God's greatness and glory, the more you come to realize that in Him all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26/Mark 9:23). Its up to you friend. God's ready, willing and able. Get your eyes over on Him, and the rest will take care of itself!

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2 Chronicles 20:22

WHAT IS GOD WAITING FOR?

On the battlefield that day, a great victory was won by the people of God. An invading army much larger than their own had been soundly and totally defeated by the power of God. But to come to that place of victory, King Jehoshaphat and his army had to do something to position themselves for the battle. Notice in our verse today that as soon as they began to sing and praise the Lord, the Lord set ambushments against the enemy, and they ultimately destroyed one another. What was God waiting for? Their praise and worship. So it is today. Through our faith, nothing shall be impossible to us (Mark 9:23). But how does our faith manifest? How do people see our faith? How do we release our faith in God? One of the best ways is to do what they did in our story today. They began to sing and praise the Lord. When they did that, God did what they couldn't do, and that's the same way you're going to experience your victory as well.

When Jehoshaphat asked for directions from the Lord, he was told to put the singers and musicians in the front of the army as they went out to face this horde of invaders. Imagine how this must've looked to the enemy? Instead of spearmen, archers and other military men at the front, they saw only the praise and worship band! I'm sure they had a good laugh over what they saw, UNTIL those ambushments began to do their deadly work amongst them. You see, God's ways are not man's ways (Isaiah 55:8,9). He responds to our faith in His promises, and one of the greatest ways to do that is to lift your hands towards heaven, and praise and worship Him with all your might. When you do that, you're positioning yourself for victory, because in the same way God responded to Jehoshaphat when he did it, so He'll also respond to you. So if you want the miraculous to manifest in your life, like the Jews saw that day on the battlefield, do what they did. In your own heart, put the singers and musicians out ahead of the army! Lift up your hands and begin to offer the sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15). Do it by faith if you have to, but do it! When you do, God will go to work in your life, because that's what He's waiting for. Its not a question about His willingness or ability to deliver us. Rather, its all about our decision to look to Him, and to trust Him no matter what. Faith does this, and praise and worship is how you activate your faith!

8/11/09

1 Corinthians 13:1

ARE YOU JUST A LOT OF HOT AIR!

I love this passage from 1 Corinthians! I'd like to take a few days and just examine this marvelous truth verse by verse. We're talking about the power of Divine love. Not human, carnal love, but Divine love. The love of God. Jesus said in John 13:34,35 that by this all men would know we're His disciples, by how we love one another in the body of Christ. Are you doing what Jesus commanded? How can you tell? By just looking at this passage and comparing what it says with how you live your life. First of all, notice that if you're not allowing God's love to dominate you, you become like **SOUNDING BRASS** or a **CLANGING CYMBAL**. In other words, you're just a lot of hot air. A lot of irritating noise (to God and to those around you). You're quoting all

the right verses, saying all the right things, but to God, in the spirit, you're nothing but a lot of hot air! Many believers are in that boat today, and I for one don't want to stay there! How about you?

When is the body of Christ going to wake up and realize how important it is to walk in love? EVERYTHING else depends on this, EVERYTHING! Your faith won't work without love (Galatians 5:6). You'll have no protection from God if you don't walk in love. And, no matter how much of the Bible you can quote, you'll still be just a lot of hot air as far as God is concerned. Love makes the difference. It really identifies you as a true believer. It separates you, and defines you. It reveals your character, and glorifies God. It moves you from a place of just being an irritating spiritual mouthpiece for the devil, to a powerful man or woman of God. If you have to spend time on learning anything from the Bible, start here. Start here, and never stop coming back for regular refresher courses! Everyday, when we're surrounded by carnal, selfish, mean-spirited Christians (and there are plenty out there!), we need to stay insulated by walking love. Love insulates you. It protects you from people's unscriptural talk and treatment of you. It instantly makes what you have to say important! So even if you can speak with the tongues of angels, if you don't walk in love, you're out of the loop as far as God is concerned. Don't let that happen! Walk in love, and everything else will work itself out.

8/12/09

Luke 4:28-30

THE PROTECTING POWER OF LOVE

In today's passage, we see an angry crowd about to throw Jesus off the cliff. They're upset with Him, thinking He's just committed blasphemy in His synagogue teaching. But, just as they're about to throw him headlong off the cliff, the Bible says He turned and walked through the middle of the crowd, and went His way! Now, you need to understand that the crowd was fully intending to throw Him off, they weren't planning on just scaring Him and warning Him not to teach that way again. No, they wanted to kill Him, and that's what they led Him to the cliff to do. But, how then could Jesus just turn around, and walk right through the crowd as if they're not even there? Because He walked in love! And when you and I walk in love like He did, we'll have the same kind of protecting power we see here in this story.

Not too many of us understand the protecting power of love. If we ever did we'd spend more time developing the love of God inside us (Romans 5:5). The more of God's love dominates us, the more of that protecting power becomes available to us. How many times did the Pharisees try to arrest Jesus, or do Him bodily harm? Plenty. Yet, they never could touch Him until He chose to lay His life down because as long as He walked in love, God had a free hand in keeping Him safe and sound. He'll do the same with you and me. This is just one more reason why it's important to walk in love, and to meditate on those marvelous verses in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. One of the best books I have in my library is a book by Kenneth E. Hagin entitled Love, The way to victory. I read that book about once a year, and in fact I'm getting ready to read it again. I've read it many times, and I will read it many more I'm sure before Jesus comes back. I recommend it to you as well. Galatians 5:6 says that faith WORKS by love. Oh Christian! If only the body of Christ would learn the truth of this verse! If you really want to please God, you're going to have to use your faith, and to do that, your love walk will have to be in place in your life. And when you let that happen, you automatically

create a hedge of protection around you that no man or devil can penetrate. Jesus could just turn around, and walk through the crowd that was hell-bent to throw Him off the cliff. That's the protecting power of love, and that same power is available to ANYBODY who walks in God's kind of love.

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Psalms 1 Corinthians 13:2

FROM NOTHING TO SOMETHING

Notice what God says. If you don't walk in love, you're a NOTHING. A nobody. Just a fly speck on the wall. Totally insignificant concerning the things of God. Is that how you want to be known? As a nothing or a nobody? Not me! I want to make a difference in my world for Jesus. I want to be a somebody doing something meaningful for the kingdom of God. I want to know my life, and my efforts in life are producing fruit for the glory of God. How about you? Well, if you're like me, you'll want to sharpen up your skills at walking in love. Otherwise, you're going to end up as a nothing!

You know what? On judgment day in Heaven, so many are going to find out that as far as God was concerned, they were a nothing and a nobody while on earth. Why? Because they never mastered the life of love. They never devoted the time and energy it took to walk in love, and let God's love dominate them. Consequently, their lives became worthless to God in terms of fruitful evangelism, and even though they made it into heaven as children of God, they never made any significant impact for the kingdom of God while on earth. Love makes all the difference. It takes you from being a nothing to being a significant somebody for God. It makes you an instant player, no longer just a spiritual spectator. Realize this with me today. Without love as the dominant force in your life, today is just a waste of time! Because if God classifies you as a "nothing," what good can come of whatever you're doing today? No my friends. Its time for all of us to wake up and give this responsibility it's just due. We need to know what takes us from being a nothing to a something. Its love. Nothing else. That love is already inside you, just make the decision today to let that love dominate. And then DO what it takes to renew your mind, and discipline your body to obey and cooperate!

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1 Corinthians 13:3

WHAT PROFITS YOU NOTHING?

"Want to waste all your time and effort daily? Just live your life without letting the love of God dominate, and that's exactly what you'll be doing. Notice what God says here. If love doesn't dominate your life, whatever you do will never succeed. It will never profit. It will just be a giant waste of your time. Are you busy with your job, your marriage, your kids and your career? Well, without love as the driving force in your life, your life becomes nothing and profits you nothing. Oh sure, you might have a nice house, new car and a closet full of fancy clothing, but in God's eyes its all just a big waste of your time and His. Think about that!"

You know, for many Christians, their idea of success revolves around the things they can accumulate or acquire. Well, you could understand the unbelievers thinking that way, but when Christians think like that it's spiritually tragic. Notice verse 3 carefully. Even if you give away all your possessions to charity, and sacrifice your own body for the sake of the cross, it's just a waste of time! It will pay no dividends in heaven! Its

worthy of no rewards! Why? All because love wasn't the force driving you, compelling you, and motivating you to do whatever it was that you did for the Lord's work on earth. So make the decision today to instantly qualify all your good deeds for eternal rewards someday in heaven. Just make the adjustment in your heart, and LET the love of God control you. No, it isn't easy, and yes, it will take a lot of time and effort, but it's worth every minute of it. I know in my own life, its time for me to have these truths rekindled within me. I need to be reminded of this, and so do you. Want your work for God to count for something for all eternity? Then make sure you're walking in love. No, you won't become some kind of spiritual doormat when you do, but instead, you'll become a powerful conduit for God's power to flow through you! Make it happen! Make it happen for the rest of your life!

8/15/09

1 Corinthians 13:4 LOVE IS PATIENT!

In his book entitled Love: The Way to Victory, Kenneth E. Hagin said this: A person is only spiritual when they practice walking in love. I agree! Galatians 5:16 says that if we walk in the spirit, we won't fulfill the desires of our flesh. What does that mean? It means walking in love! Walking in love IS walking in the spirit, because love is the first fruit listed as by-products of our born-again experience (Galatians 5:22,23). Well, if you want to measure your progress in the walk of love, you must use 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 as your benchmark. And beginning in verse 4, what is the first evidence of love taking hold and dominating our lives? PATIENCE! Love is patient! Patient with God. Patient with others. Patient with yourself. Is that how you're living your life today?

I think too many times we Christians spend too much time studying Christianity from the wrong perspective. We've got people who spend their entire lifetimes learning all about God from a Theological point of view, but never master the ability to walk in love. What good is that? In this preacher's opinion, it's a waste of time to study Theology while at the same time, fail to develop the love of God within. And it all starts with this right here. Patience! To let love dominate you MUST learn (and it is a learning process) to be a patient person. Patient with God first. Don't get impatient with Him. He's at work in your life, and knows exactly what He's doing, so let Him be God and give Him the space (through faith) to guide you step by step, day by day, especially when things are hard to understand or explain. Second, be patient with others, the way God is patient with you! Husbands and wives, that means it starts with being patient with your spouse! And then with your kids. And on into the workplace, or wherever. Quit being a hypocrite! Are you impatient with them, but depend on God being patient with you and your own personal struggles? That's called hypocrisy, so don't be a hypocrite anymore! Be patient with those around you, the same way God is with you. And third, be patient with yourself. God knows you, and knows your heart, so relax and don't be too hard on yourself if you slip up or make mistakes. Life is a journey, and it is one big learning experience, so be patient and don't get discouraged if you stumble along the way. God is loving, forgiving and merciful. So learn to be patient. It's the first mark of the person's life governed by Divine Love!

8/16/09

1 Corinthians 13:4

LOVE IS KIND!

Kindness! Isn't that a novel idea these days! One of the most obvious ways you can show God's love to others is through kindness. Just being kind to others is one of the hallmarks of the person walking in love. How kind have you been lately? To your spouse? To your kids? To your co-workers? To those who persecute you or to those you don't like very much? To walk in love is to constantly perform RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS wherever you have the opportunity as orchestrated by the Holy Spirit. Do you know of anyone in need of some genuine kindness today? A neighbor perhaps, whose going through a tough time? One of your relatives? Whoever it may be, why not exercise God's love within you and go DO something to show that kindness to them.

I know in my own life, I've many times failed God in this respect. I'm sure you could say the same thing. Fact is: most believers are not very kind people! Some are, but most are not. Oh yeah, they're kind to those they like, and to those they're close to, but beyond that, not much kindness is displayed on a regular basis. Its time to change that. In John 13:34,35, Jesus said men would know we're His disciples by the fact that we love one another in the body of Christ. Well, are you doing that? Loving your fellow believers, no matter how carnal or irritating them may be to you? Are you showing them the kind of kindness God shows towards you? That's the way it should be, day after day. Remember, the flesh is ALWAYS selfish, and sin is ALWAYS selfish. You can't sin for somebody else! Kindness is one way to offset the desires of the flesh in this respect, and keep you firmly within the grasp of God's love within you. But, like all fruits of the spirit, you must EXERCISE this for it to grow and become dominant daily. So, exercise your love by showing kindness today! Look around, and ask God to show you ways to be kind today, to whomever, wherever! It's the way of the Spirit, and it's the way of love!

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1 Corinthians 13:4

LOVE IS NEVER ENVIOUS OR JEALOUS!

Oh my! What a statement! If love dominates your life the way it should, there should NEVER be any jealousy or envy towards others. Ever! Well, a quick look around the body of Christ will clearly show you that this isn't the case in most places with most believers. And some of the worst offenders are ministers like me! Oh yes, some of us preachers are the most envious, competitive, jealous people you'll ever meet! Say it ain't so! But sad to say, it is! And truth be told, I myself have been guilty of this over the years more times than I could count. And I know of many other preachers who have struggles in this area as well, and some of them are well-known to many through TV or multi-media. But if love is allowed to dominate in our lives, envy and jealousy are things of the past. When love is in control, you rejoice when others get blessed, or promoted, or recognized, or blessed, not the opposite! And it's a genuine expression of joy for them, not some fake, worked-up fleshly disguise meant to camouflage your true feelings of hatred, envy and jealousy!

When I was in the world of advertising prior to responding to God's call in my life, I witnessed first-hand the cut-throat behavior of corporate execs as they all jockeyed for position, fame, power and financial reward. At the time I thought to myself: man, it can't be any worse than this! But then I got called into the ministry, and found out that the envy and jealousy out their in the corporate world can't even hold a candle to the

When you're walking in love, you don't talk or act inappropriately, ever! If you're a man, you're a gentleman. If you're a woman, you're a lady. Believers who become rude or obnoxious are not allowing God's love to dominate them at that moment. Jesus was confrontational, but He was never rude or unbecoming in any way. At all times, He was the consummate ambassador of Heaven. We should be the same. Crass, crude, off-color comments or actions don't accurately reflect or demonstrate the love of God, so why do those things? More than once I've been publicly embarrassed for the cause of Christ because of what some Christian was doing or saying somewhere. It might've been in a restaurant, complaining about the food or poor service. Or it might have been on the highway, acting inappropriately over the way other drivers were driving (don't get me started on this one!). Or it could be any one of thousands of other things that inaccurately portray Jesus and the body of Christ. And to be honest, there have been times when I myself have been guilty of this very thing: acting or talking in a way that isn't allowing the love of God to dominate. Love doesn't do that, so neither should we!

This doesn't mean we're to be so ridiculously tight that we can't have any fun in life. But on the other hand, the more the love of God dominates you, the less you're going to want to get involved in conversations or activities that are marginal at best, or downright offensive in the sight of God. People are ALWAYS watching us as believers. They may not openly admit it, but they are. That's why we need to always put our best foot forward, and demonstrate the love of God through responsible conversation and inter-action with others. Don't behave "unseemly!" That's how the King James translation words this phrase. No "unseemly" conversation, or activities. In other words, nothing done that is not in good taste, and not accurately representing the Lord Jesus Christ. If you ever wonder what to do or not do, always ask yourself this question: Would Jesus be offended with my conversation or behavior right now? If Jesus was standing right next to you, and you could visibly see Him and touch Him, would you still do or say what it is you're saying or doing? Would you still tell that joke you just read over the Internet, as an example? If you walk in love, you'll never be concerned with the answer to that question, because you'll always live life in a way that pleases God, and glorifies Jesus. So check up on your actions, and if they're "borderline" in terms of our Christian witness, get rid of them and don't do that anymore! Enough said!

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1 Corinthians 13:5

LOVE CONTROLS THE TEMPER!

When the love of God controls you, you control your temper! Oh my, what an area of challenge for me! How about you? Do you get angry easily? I know I do, if I don't renew my mind to the love verses found in this passage from 1 Corinthians 13. But I've found by experience, that when I take time to meditate on these verses, I'm much more in control of my emotions, and my temper. Proverbs 16:32 tells us that if we're SLOW to get angry, we're better than the mighty! Wow! That's quite a statement. In fact, go through all of Proverbs, and locate every verse that talks about managing your anger, and see how much God says on the subject. Its IMPORTANT to control your temper, and manage your anger. Oh yes, there are times when anger is appropriate. God gets angry, and Jesus did too while on earth. But that kind of anger is a righteous anger dealing with sin and religious compromise. The kind of anger we want to manage and

then eliminate comes from the flesh, the carnal nature which always seeks to have place in our lives.

If you fail to get a handle on this, you'll forever be angry at someone for something! I mean, there will be no stopping it. If Satan knows he can pull your chain with an uncontrolled temper, he'll have such an inroad into your life! Don't let that happen! Guard yourself by working to develop God's love within you. When you do, you'll become less and less prone to losing your temper, where you end up saying and doing stupid things which you have to repent of later. No! Be even-tempered when it comes to the affairs of this life. Don't let the lunacy around you to drag you into a never-ending circle of anger, temper tantrums and the need for forgiveness from God later! Rise above all that. Meditate on these verses, and as you do, God's power will begin to change you from what you are, to what you know you can be. And what is that? A powerful, spiritual, anointed man or woman of God who, at all times, has their temper firmly under control. Love is not easily provoked. Love is slow to anger (James 1:19). Proverbs says that if you're "soon angry," you'll deal foolishly with the affairs of this life (Prov.14:17). Is that you today? If so, you can get rid of this evil tendency once and for all. God's love has the power to eliminate that problem forever. Just feed on God's word daily, meditate on what He's saying to you here, and LET that love within you change your attitude, and with it, your emotional equilibrium.

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1 Corinthians 13:5 LOVE ISN'T SELFISH!

One of the best characteristics about God's love is that its never selfish. Divine love ALWAYS thinks about what's best for someone else, and then acts accordingly. On the other hand, carnal, human love is based on selfishness, what's in it for me? If you want to develop the God-kind of love in your life, start thinking about others before yourself. Really, this was the source of Satan's downfall. Go back and read about his fall, and you'll find he was so totally into himself he actually invented the sin of pride! Read Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:14-18. How many times did he talk about servicing his own need for recognition? "I" will ascend to heaven. "I" will be like God. "I" will be honored and worshipped. Always "I." That was his undoing, and that is the way of carnal, fleshly love. Its selfish by nature. God's love however, is unselfish by nature. Everything Divine love does is for someone else. That's not the way most people live their lives within the body of Christ, is it? How about you? One of the best things you'll ever do for yourself is to let this love characteristic dominate your life. Be like Jesus, as described in Philippians 2:3-5. Jesus is the epitome of unselfish love. Not just because He came to earth, but because of what He did while on the earth. Everything was for us, not for Himself. His love for us was pure, untainted by selfish motives or carnal ambitions. It must be that way for you too. If you're married, everything is for God first, then for your family second. You come in a distant third on that list! If you're not married, everything starts with obeying God, and serving His interests, not your own. The good news is that as you dedicate yourself to loving others before yourself, God takes care of you! He knows your address, and knows how to channel blessings to you, your family, your business or job. He's well able to provide for you, but He waits until you start loving people the way He loves you. So time for another check up from the neck up. How devoted are you to loving God, and those around you? Or, is your "love

life” centered around you, and you alone? What are you spending your time on, and where are you spending your money? The more God’s love dominates, the more prone you’ll become to reaching out and being a blessing to those around you, because you’re driven and dominated by the Divine love within you. In a world full of selfish people, stand out, and as Philippians 2:15 says, be a love light to the world within your world.

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1 Corinthians 13:5 **LOVE FORGIVES AND FORGETS!**

One of the most awesome characteristics of divine love is it’s ability to forgive AND forget. This is what God does with each of us (Isaiah 43:25,26), and it is what He expects us to do with one another (1 Peter 3:8,9). Yet, sad to say, that’s not how most believers handle offense from fellow members of the body of Christ. But Jesus taught us to forgive as many times as needed with brethren who offend us or do us wrong (Matthew 18:21,22/Luke 17:3-5). And when you forgive, you MUST forget! This is where so many of us struggle. But our passage today says that love “thinks no evil.” Other translations, such as the Amplified Bible, word that thought this way: **LOVE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED!** That means we forgive people when they sin against us, and we forget about it, treating them as if they had never done or said whatever it was that offended us. Can you do that? Do you do that? Read the story in Matthew 18: 23-35. The **WICKED** servant in that story is the guy who wouldn’t forgive his fellow servant, after just receiving forgiveness for a much larger debt himself from the king. In verse 32, he’s called a **WICKED** servant! Why wicked? Because he wouldn’t forgive from the heart! Are you a wicked child of God in that respect today? Many are. They **SAY** they have forgiven somebody, but then they keep bringing up the offense time and time again in the future. That means they haven’t really forgiven because they haven’t let go of it. Its still in their heart and mind, and its still an issue with them. But when divine love reigns supreme, you don’t want to hang on to old, past sins and hurts. You have the ability to let go, and leave things with God. By walking in love and forgetting as well as forgiving, you effectively insulate yourself from the attacks of the enemy, and he has nothing to use to accuse you of to God. Not just in Isaiah, but also in Hebrews 8:12, God plainly says that when He forgives us, He forgets about the transgression, as if it never happened! Do you appreciate the magnitude of that gesture of love? And aren’t you glad God is that way with you? How would you like it if every time you come to God for something in prayer, He brings up all your past mistakes, failures and sins which had offended Him? Yet, that’s exactly how many of us treat one another in Christ. So don’t be like them anymore. Be like God, and when someone does you wrong, forgive them and forget about it. Period. Don’t wait for them to say “I’m sorry” either. God didn’t wait for you to ask for forgiveness of your sins before He promised and then sent Jesus to the cross, did He? No, He went ahead and did anyway, knowing many would still reject His love. Well, be an imitator of God as a dear child (Ephesians 5:1). Forgive AND forget!

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1 Corinthians 13:6 **LOVE DOESN’T REVEL IN SINFUL ACTIVITIES**

When the Bible says that divine love doesn’t rejoice in iniquity, we’re talking about a basic view of life around us, the good as well as the bad. When you walk in

divine love, you're not going to enjoy any activities which promote sin in anyway. In other words, the more God's love dominates you, the more repulsed you become over the sinful practices and sinful lifestyles of those around us who don't know Jesus. Now that doesn't mean you stand back and just criticize them and judge them, that's not our job, and we're not qualified to do that. Only God is, that's why He's the judge and we're not. But at the same time, even though we can't pronounce judgment on people, or think of ourselves more highly than we should, we're not to enjoy any aspect of sinful behavior in any way, shape, fashion or form. It should be repulsive to us, and the more God's love is in control, the easier it will be to identify and stay away from all kinds of sinful behavior and lifestyle.

It also says in this verse today that love rejoices when righteousness and truth prevail. That's the other side to this issue. Rather than rejoicing over and enjoying the sinful habits and lifestyle in our cities, nations and cultures, we get excited about seeing God's righteous standards take precedent more and more in our societies, cultures and nations. The more of God's word begins to take root and control things in the natural, the more excited we get. That's what divine love will do. Suddenly, the grey areas of behavior aren't so grey anymore. And what used to be acceptable and tolerable in our lives is no longer so. We simply don't want to do the things we used to do when God's love wasn't in control of our hearts, minds and lives. Instead, we want to do what's right, what's honest, and what's holy in God's sight. Anything less is not acceptable behavior, and we won't put up with it, with ourselves, or with others in our areas of influence, like in a marriage or family. Love takes us to a place where our behavior is pleasing in God's sight, and the strength to resist the old lifestyles is there whenever and wherever we need it. The same is true in dealing with friends and other relationships. Instead of winking and just tolerating things that we know in our hearts are wrong, we actively come against it and work to rid the environment an as much sinful behavior as possible. This is what today's verse is talking about. So, ask yourself this question: **HOW MUCH SIN AND WICKED BEHAVIOR DO I PUT UP WITH IN MYSELF OR THOSE CLOSE TO ME?** Let love control you, and when that happens, you'll be able to isolate and identify the things that need to be attacked and removed in Jesus' Name.

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1 Corinthians 13:7

LOVE BEARS ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!

Divine love can put up with anything. It never throws in the towel and says it can't "take it anymore. Love never quits or gives up. And no matter what the devil is throwing at you, it doesn't matter. You'll hold your ground, and stay steadfast in faith and love. Love **BEARS ALL THINGS!** As soon as you catch yourself saying something like this: "Well, I've had enough! I just can't take it anymore!", you know you're no longer walking in love, and love is no longer controlling you the way it should. This is not some impossible mission either, you and I **CAN** come to the place where we are so protected by love, **NOTHING** that comes against us can stop us, nothing! Are you there yet? Most of us aren't, but at least we know where we should be, so let's get busy and get serious about coming to this place in our lives.

In fact, it's the divine love of God that gives us the ability to weather **ANY** storm of life that comes our way, no matter how severe, or how terrible it may be. Love will see us through to victory. Everytime! When you allow God's love to dominate you, the

“pressure” isn’t there anymore! No more pressure to try and “put up” with whatever, you just do it with style and aplomb because the love of God is empowering you to rise above the difficulties of the moment, and react with grace, class and style! So don’t ever consider the notion of quitting on someone, or giving up on the great faith project, whatever that project may entail. Let God’s love equip you and enable you to handle anything and everything Satan throws against you. Love bears ALL things, not some thing, most things or 99% of things. No, love bears the weight of ALL that the devil and his demons can throw against you, and throws it right back in his ugly face! Praise the Lord for that!

8/25/09

1 Corinthians 13:7

LOVE CHOOSES TO BELIEVE THE BEST!

When Divine love is in control, we’ll always choose to believe the best about anyone, or any situation. Natural, human love isn’t like that at all, and you can easily see that all around you everyday. People, if they’re not controlled and dominated by God’s love, will almost always believe the worst case scenario about anyone or anything. They can’t help themselves really, it’s the nature of the flesh to do that. But when God’s love dominates us, we don’t look at people the same way the rest of the world does. We don’t look at situations the way they do either. Instead of ASSUMING the worst is true, or is going to happen, love always chooses to be positive, and take a stance of faith, hope and expectancy. Expectancy in what? The power of God to change what looks unchangeable. How about you? Are you more inclined to believe the worst about someone, or the best? Are you more inclined to expect the worst case scenario in situations you’re a part of, or not?

If God’s love isn’t in control, you’re going to go the way of the world 99% of the time when it comes to how you deal with others. Look around and you can see it all the time. People believe rumors before they ever find out if they’re true or not. They just ASSUME the negative rumors are true because it feels good to do so, the flesh loves it! Its called gossip, and in case you didn’t know, it’s a sin! Christians are certainly not exempt from this, because if we don’t take the time to renew our minds to God’s word on love, we’ll be acting just like the unbelievers in this respect. So next time you have the opportunity to take a position regarding someone’s character, behavior or lifestyle, just remember what love would do. It ALWAYS chooses to believe the best of someone. It always looks for someone positive to say, and something that will encourage rather than discourage those who are listening. And if nothing good, positive, faith-filled or encouraging can be said, you don’t say ANYTHING! Is this what you’re doing when you have the opportunity?

8/26/09

1 Corinthians 13:7

LOVE IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL!

When you walk in God’s love, you’re always full of hope, and it IS the helmet it was designed to be by God (1 Thessalonians 5:8) in your life. Hope is such a powerful force. About 10 years ago I wrote a book totally devoted to the subject of Hope, and its still available if you want it. Its called THE HELMET OF HOPE, and you can order it from our website. Bottom line is this: when you love, you hope. There is no such thing as loving without hoping. The two go together, and they can’t be separated. Yesterday,

we looked at love as being eager to believe the best about people, and that's where hope comes in. Hope fills your mind with a picture of victory, triumph and joy! No matter how bad a person may act, or how terrible a situation may be, love keeps hoping for the best, and keeps declaring the desired end-result according to God's word. If you've lost your hope, you're not walking in love!

The moment you say someone or some situation is "hopeless", you've just stopped walking in love. When you declare there's nothing that can be done to turn a bad situation around, you're no longer operating in God's kind of love. Think of it with me. God's hopeful over you, isn't He? How many times have you failed God, broken promises, disappointed Him and yourself in the process? How many times have you sinned, stumbled and fell away; only to come back into His loving arms? How many times would He have had reason to throw you in the trash and move on to someone more promising? Yet He didn't, did He? He's still there for you, anytime, anywhere! Why? Because He is love, and love always is hopeful about the outcome. In short, love never gives up on anyone. Love knows that as long as faith is being exercised, God's power is at work, even if nothing can be seen to indicate such. But no matter, love sees by faith, and declares the end-result according to the promises set forth in God's Word. I know in my own life, if I don't renew myself to God's love, I tend to give up on people too quickly, how about you? I'm sure I'm not alone in this! My flesh wants to cut people off, cut my losses and find another to work with when people fail me. But love isn't that way, and never will be that way! So when you decide to let love be the dominating force in your life, put on your helmet of hope, and keep it on! Stay hopeful. Always!

8/27/09

1 Corinthians 13:7

LOVE CAN CARRY ANY WEIGHT!

The last characteristic listed in this great passage from 1st Corinthians is the fact that love can endure anything without weakening. Love can endure ANYTHING, no matter how severe, how terrible or how awful things may seem or appear to be. I like to think of it this way: love can carry any weight without buckling under the pressure. When you decide to love with God's love, you're going to hang in there until victory is won. No matter what kind of pressure is placed upon you to quit, you won't do it. Love can handle the pressure. Love can take the abuse without lashing back in anger, revenge or retribution. Love just keeps on loving! Oh hallelujah! What a great aspect of God's love. Look at how people daily shake their fist at God in anger? Yet He just keeps loving them in spite of their hatred and animosity towards Him. Its just amazing, and you and I can do the very same because the same essence of God's love is now within us through the Holy Spirit. I've heard people say that they just can't take it anymore, that it's just too hard! Well, love wouldn't say that! Love wouldn't decide that its just too hard. Love would press on, persevere, and hang in there until God's will was accomplished in a person's life. Do you have that kind of staying-power? You can have it, if you LET the love that's already in you dominate!

I don't know about you, but I want that kind of love controlling my life! I want to be so insulated with love that no matter how "heavy" things get, and no matter how pressing, stressful and tense things could be, I won't decide to quit loving! I'll just get tougher in love, and like Jesus in Isaiah 50:7, my determination to love will only increase as the pressure to stop grows. The Bible says that when it came time for Jesus to go to

Jerusalem to die in our place, He set His face like “flint” to go there. What does that mean? It means He was steely and determined to do what had to be done, and when God’s love dominates, you KNOW in your spirit that it is the ONLY THING that must be done, and nothing else! Love can carry any weight placed upon it, it won’t buckle under the pressure! When God’s love dominates your life, you are totally insulated from what others do to you, or say about you. You actually don’t care, you’re in another zone, a cut above, at a place no one can go except those who know their God! Get there, and by the help and grace of God, stay there!

8/28/09

1 Corinthians 13:8 LOVE NEVER FAILS - EVER!

How can it be said any better than this? Love won’t fail. Love can’t fail. Its impossible. Why impossible? Because God can’t fail, and love is His very essence. Failure isn’t in God’s vocabulary, so it shouldn’t be in yours either. Love doesn’t know how to fail. It KNOWS it will win in the end, someday, somewhere, it will win! The devil can come along with his lies and tell you he’s won, but as long as you stay in love, you’re victory is guaranteed. The fight of faith will go on until you’ve prevailed, because love will always see you through to the end! What a great truth, and how amazing it is that we don’t really embrace it! 1 Corinthians 14:1, from the Amplified Bible, says that we should make love our one great and grand quest in life! Think about that statement. Is love your one great aim, quest and goal in this life? If it ever becomes what it should be to you, you’re days of living in defeat are over!

Have you ever failed in life, in anyway for any reason? With your career, your marriage, your family, your relationships, your ministry? Its because God’s love wasn’t allowed to dominate! I know that may be hard for people to accept, but it’s the truth nonetheless. If God’s love was allowed to dominate during those times you failed or fell apart emotionally, you would’ve stuck it out and hung in there until God’s will and purpose was accomplished in your life. If people really get honest with themselves, they’ll come to understand and agree with me on this. Love NEVER fails. What does the word “never” mean? NEVER! Now either never means never, or God is a liar. Are you understanding this? Never mind the past, you can’t change that, but what about now and the future? If love can’t fail, and never will, why won’t you today decide to let God’s love control you FOREVER! I mean, nobody likes to fail at anything, jobs, relationships, anything! So why put up with failure anymore, in anyway? Let’s take advantage of the greatest weapon at our disposal, God’s love. Let’s let the Holy Spirit teach us how, and let Him take us to places of triumph and victory we’ve only dreamt about! Its all up to you and me. God’s love is in us, and it has the inherent ability to cause us to be victorious, but only we can open the door and let love take control. Will you? I’ve dedicated myself to this, and I intend to make love the one great quest in my life from now on. I hope you do the same!

8/29/09

1 Corinthians 14:1 THE ONE GREAT QUEST IN LIFE!

In the NKJV translation of the Bible, our verse today tells us to PURSUE love. But the Amplified Translation says it a bit differently, and that’s our focus for today’s passage. 1 Corinthians 14:1, from the Amplified, says to make love your one great aim

and quest in life! The one and only! In other words, developing and walking in God's kind of love should be the most important thing you ever do or accomplish on earth! Think about that for a moment! Nothing else should be as important to you as this. As far as God is concerned, nothing else is as important for your spiritual growth, development, and usability for work in spreading the gospel worldwide. Is mastering the love walk YOUR one great aim and quest in life? If not, you're priorities are totally out of order in the eyes of God! When you study the New Testament, you see how much time is devoted to this. Paul, who many consider to be the foremost authority on faith, wrote as much, if not more, on the importance of walking in love. Galatians 5:6 says that faith WORKS by love. Paul wrote that, inspired by the Holy Spirit. He also wrote the classic verses on love in 1 Corinthians 13 and Romans 12. Read those passages often, DAILY if necessary. And then there's the Apostle John, called by many the Apostle of Love. Read his writings often too, at least once a month.

The Gospel of John, and the 3 epistles that bear his name, are chock full of teaching about love. In short, God wants His people to see how vital, and how important this is, and that's what I want you to see too. It's my responsibility, and yours, to keep the relative importance of this in the forefront of our thinking. So I encourage you, by the Spirit of God, to make this the one, great aim and quest of your life. If it isn't, you'll NEVER really fulfill your purpose and destiny in Christ. Because as it says in 1 Corinthians 13:1-4, if you have all faith, all Bible knowledge, speak in tongues all day long, give your body as a sacrifice towards the work of God, share all your goods to help poor people, without love as the driving motive of your life, you are NOTHING! So if you don't want to stay as a "nothing", then do something about it. Make love your one and ONLY goal, and everything else will fall into place. Everything!

8/30/09

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

THE WEAPONS OF YOUR WARFARE

Many Christians try to fight spiritual battles with carnal weapons. That's why they're defeated, frustrated and in doubt concerning the promises of God in their lives. However, if you want to fight and win the spiritual battles in your life, you must use spiritual weapons, the ones provided by God and God alone. Our verse today talks about the "weapons of our warfare". We have weapons specifically designed to wage successful warfare against our enemies, which are: the devil (and his demons), the world system which he is the god of, and the dead-to-sin flesh (James 4:1-7). Do you know what your spiritual weapons are, and how to use them? Most believers don't. But if you're to keep our enemies at bay, you're going to need to know exactly how these weapons work, and consistently use them to fight the good fight of faith in your life.

Notice too, that in our passage today, it says the weapons we use are not CARNAL, but MIGHTY through God to pull down strongholds. So, if you have any strongholds you're trying to get rid of (of almost all of us do) in your life, you're going to need to use these spiritual weapons because these are the mighty weapons needed to get the job done. Carnal, fleshly weapons won't cut it here. They can't because you're enemies are spiritual in nature, not carnal. So, you've got to realize that to win this warfare, you've got to use the weapons that God provides, not the weapons you think will get the job done. In the natural, we're no match for Satan. He's got a 6,000 year head-start on all of us in this generation, so we need to totally rely on God's weapons to prevail

and pull down any and all strongholds the enemy has established in our lives. So beginning tomorrow, we'll take a look at several of the most potent and powerful weapons God makes available to you and me. Learn what your weapons are, and how to use them for victory in your life today, and everyday in Jesus' name!