

BECOMING THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF

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08/13/2023 LOVE, JOY, & PEACE

JOY, PEACE, FORBEARANCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, 23 GENTLENESS AND SELF- CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.

(GALATIANS 5:22-23, NIV)



THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF WILL LIVE BY FAITH IN GOD RATHER THAN FAITH IN YOURSELF OR IN THE POWERS OF THIS WORLD.



GOD'S DESTINY FOR YOU IS A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT.



TRUE LIFE REALLY BEGINS WHEN THE FRUIT OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS TO GROW IN YOUR HEART AND LIFE.



31 BUT NOW LET ME SHOW YOU A WAY OF LIFE THAT IS BEST OF ALL. 13 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. 4 LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD 5 OR RUDE.



IT DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. IT IS NOT IRRITABLE, AND IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF BEING WRONGED. 6 IT DOES NOT REJOICE ABOUT INJUSTICE BUT REJOICES WHENEVER THE TRUTH WINS OUT. 7 LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE.



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PROPHECY AND SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN LANGUAGES

AND SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE WILL BECOME USELESS.

BUT LOVE WILL LAST FOREVER!

(1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-1 CORINTHIANS 13, NLT)



35 YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER WILL PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES."

(JOHN 13:35 NIV)



THE BIBLE IS THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE.



WHEN WE LOVE JESUS, WE COME TO KNOW WHO WE ARE.



IF JESUS HAD ONLY ONE WORD IN HIS VOCABULARY, IT WOULD BE LOVE.



GOD'S LOVE FLOWS GENEROUSLY DOWN FROM ABOVE.



LOVE IS VERTICAL AS WE LOVE GOD ABOVE US AND HE LOVES US. LOVE IS HORIZONTAL AS GOD'S DIVINE LOVES MOVES FROM US INTO THE LIVES OF REAL PEOPLE.



GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOU IS THAT YOUR HEART RESEMBLES THE HEART OF JESUS.



JESUS INVITES YOU TO A LIFE FULL OF LOVE.



JOY



HATREDS, RIVALRY, JEALOUSY, OUTBURST OF FURY, ACTS OF SELFISHNESS, DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS, OCCASIONS OF ENVY.



WHEN YOU LIVE AND WALK IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD, HIS PEACE WILL SATURATE YOUR LIFE.



JESUS LEADS TO PEACE BECAUSE JESUS IS PEACE.



THE FIRST PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE IS TO FIND PEACE WITH GOD.



5 THOSE WHO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE FLESH HAVE
THEIR MINDS SET ON WHAT THE FLESH DESIRES; BUT
THOSE WHO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT HAVE
THEIR MINDS SET ON WHAT THE SPIRIT DESIRES. 6 THE
MIND GOVERNED BY THE FLESH IS DEATH, BUT THE MIND
GOVERNED BY THE SPIRIT IS LIFE AND PEACE.

(ROMANS 8:5-6, NIV)



PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU. NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE IT TO YOU. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID.

(JOHN 14:27, NIV)



PEACE WITH SELF MEANS KNOWING WHO YOU ARE: A CHILD OF GOD.



PEACE WITH GOD + PEACE WITH SELF = PEACE WITH OTHERS



14 BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU; BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE. 15 REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE; MOURN WITH THOSE WHO MOURN. 16 LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. DO NOT BE PROUD, BUT BE WILLING TO ASSOCIATE WITH PEOPLE OF LOW POSITION. DO NOT BE CONCEITED. 17 DO NOT REPAY ANYONE EVIL FOR EVIL. BE CAREFUL TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF EVERYONE. 18 IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE.

(ROMANS 12:14-18, NIV)



PEACE WITH GOD. PEACE WITH SELF.

PEACE WITH OTHERS.

IT IS A DIVINE GIFT.

