

THE PRACTICING OF LOVE

OPEN: GIVING TIME OF THE YEAR

IS GIVING ABOUT THE GIFT OR THE GIVER? BOTH
THE QUALITY OF THE GIFT REFLECTS THE GIVER
SENTIMENTAL, PRACTICAL, LAST MINUTE, HUMOR

ACTS 20:35

“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

IT'S A BLESSING TO RECEIVE.....BUT IT'S A BETTER BLESSING TO GIVE

THIS SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE TELLS US A LOT ABOUT GOD'S CHARACTER AND THAT IS.....HE LOVES TO GIVE

THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF A GIVER'S CHARACTER IS GIVING TO SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT DESERVE THE GIFT

WHAT MAKES MAN AN ENEMY OF GOD? SIN

ENEMIES OF GOD

ROM 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

ROM 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

ROM 3:24

being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

ISA 9:6

GOD GIVES GIFTS TO WHO HE LOVES **JOHN 3:16**

GOD'S LOVE DOES NOT NEGATE THE FACT THAT HUMANITY IS HIS ENEMY
WITHIN HUMANITY GOD KNOWS THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE HIS OFFER OF
LOVE.....WHICH IS THE OFFERING OF HIMSELF

WE DO NOT SURRENDER TO THEOLOGY, A RELIGION OR CHURCH DOCTRINE

GOD'S LOVE HAS TO BE RECEIVED IN ORDER TO GET OFF THE ENEMY LIST...BUT GOD HAD TO GIVE HIS LOVE FIRST NO MATTER WHAT IT WOULD

COST HIM

1 JOHN 4:10-20

LOVE LIKE GOD

LOVE GOD

DEU 6:4

MAT 22:37

And He said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’

LOVE PEOPLE

LEV 19:18

‘You shall not take vengeance, nor hold any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

MAT 19:19

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

LOVE YOUR ENEMY

MAT 5:44-48

GIVING GIFTS TO LOVE ONES VS GIVING OF GIFTS TO ENEMIES

THE GREATER THE ENEMY THE GREATER THE LOVE NEEDS TO BE TO GIVE GIFTS

THIS IS WHAT MAKES GOD’S LOVE THE HIGHEST FORM OF LOVE HE GIVE IT TO HIS ENEMY.....HUMANITY

ISA 9:6

XMAS CHALLENGE: GIVE A GIFT TO THIS SEASON TO YOUR ENEMY.....THIS IS WHAT GOD DID FOR US