

Let's Get Back To This *"The Power of Love"*

1 John 4:7, 16 NLT

7 "Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

16 God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them."

John 13:34-35 NLT

34 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.""

Revelation 2:1-5 NLT

1 ""Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lamp-stands:

2 "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil

people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not.

3 You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.

4 “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!

5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lamp stand from its place among the churches.”

Introduction: The motive of this message is not a tactic of reverse psychology. What is reverse psychology? A tactic of persuasion that involves advocating for a behavior or outcome, opposite to what is actually desired. It is actually aiming to manipulate someone into choosing the opposite of what is suggested. It is the psychological manipulation that relies on rebellious people’s reaction to a perceived threat against a persons freedom, as though it is being threatened. It actually relies on an individuals tendency to resist being controlled, when told not to do something. Those individuals might do the opposite just to establish their own free-will. However, that would be more of a satanic and demonic move, where you are made to believe that God is trying to keep something better from you by offering you something else. But here’s the deal; truth is not a manipulation or a

maneuver, it is a take it and live, reject it and die. Die, are you serious? Yes, but this death can have you living, while dead.

But a lie is manipulation with makeup, for the purpose of a coverup, to avoid the conviction and conversion that comes with truth. Lying is egocentric in nature, it is prideful fear. It is emotional control of a false narrative, that fears exposure. But here's some straight up truth; anyone who does not love, in the context of what love is, does not love or know God, for God is love, and love is of God. It is the essence of what makes Him God. **(1 John 4:8)**

Optional Theology, much like **alternative reality**, is laced with preferred ideological precepts, that do not exist in the divine dimension of Jehovah God's Kingdom order. The word of God is what it is, not what you desire for it to be. It is predictable convictions, with persuadable outcomes, that realigns our thinking, reforms our behavior, and restores God's original intentions for our lives. **"God had a purpose for your life, long before you ever had a plan."**

In order for us to move into certain peaceful states of existence, we have to get back to this. God will accept you as you are, but; **where conformity has led you, transformation is moving you to a new address of living.**

Personal Nuggets with Divine Insights

- 1. The love we give is according to the love that we have received from God.**
- 2. Love is the heartbeat of Christianity.**
- 3. Our faith is built on Love.**
- 4. Our fears are cast out by the perfection or maturity of Love.**
- 5. Love is the commandment that encompasses all of the other ten commandments.**
- 6. Love is the hallmark of our Christian life.**
- 7. Cruelty is the contradiction to love.**
- 8. When sacrifice is a joy and not a burden, love is what causes that.**
- 9. Love is more than an emotion you feel but an expression that you show.**

The Definition of Love

1Corinthians 13:4-8 NLT

- **Love is patient: It waits without pressure**
- **Love is Kind: To Be pleasant.**
- **Not Jealous: Does not enviously and eagerly seek what another person has.**
- **Not Boastful and Proud: Does not brag with puffed up arrogance.**
- **Not Rude: Offensively impolite**
- **Love does not Demand its own way: Self-centered**
- **Love is not irritable: To be easily provoked**
- **Love Keeps no record of being wronged: Evil thought patterns that are always scheming**
- **Love Does not Rejoice about injustice: Always happy too hear bad gossip or news about others.**
- **Love rejoices whenever the truth wins out: Is happy to see others victorious.**

- **Love never gives up: Carry others for the long haul, even when they are too heavy to carry.**
- **Love never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance: This is uninterrupted optimism.**
- **Love is Eternal: It has no expiration date.**

APOSTOLIC CONCLUSION

This has been and is a self-examination that is designed to get us to really look inside ourselves, through the lens of honest transparency. Forget about the justifiable excuses that you have been compelled to live, because of personal entitlement. You think that because you have been mistreated unfailingly, that you have a right to mask and muddle the essence of love. If that's you, then you have been compromised, deceived and misled. Today God is giving us an opportunity to be real with ourselves. Some of you are so cantankerously bitter, that it reeks every time you open your mouth. You have become masters at subliminal insults, when you won't face the reality of your own emptiness and unhappiness. Your life is a cesspool of disappointments, loneliness, emptiness, an un-fulfillment and lacks the luster of intimacy, joy and happiness. So you become an enemy to the very things that you desire.

But today, I offer you a path beyond simplistic yet complicated frustration. Love, God's love, not human love but divine Love. It's the power that connects us to the omnipotent power of God. It's the weight of who God is, imparted into you, that is not defined by an emotion of any kind, but an essence of divine glory that overshadows anything emotional, erotic, enthused, exciting or enjoyable. It's lasting, never ending, never leaving, always abiding. It's the agape love (agapao) , it's unconditional, non-pretentional and exceptional love of God. Embrace it, not just as an experience, but as the evolution that shapes and reshapes your life.