

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **Four Laws of Love Part 3**

Subtitle: **Diagnosing the Heart**

Scripture: **John 14:11-15 NIV**

Speaker: **Pastor Ted**

Date: **March 6, 2024**

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Introduction

Real Love (Agape) is defined as **Divine** Love. This is Love without conditions, Love without a **need!** Tonight, we will continue to discover that in order to experience “Real Love”, we must understand and uphold the 4 Laws of Love!

The Four Laws of Love

#1. Law of Pursuit- to follow after, to apprehend, and become one. The purpose is to build an intimate relationship with the Lord and simply be with Him.

- The fruit of pursuit is **Identity**.

#2. Law of Possession - is the merging of **everything** owned by and associated with two into one, jointly owned and managed.

- The fruit of possession is **trust**.

- Without the trust that comes from this law, you don't have a relationship you only have an arrangement!

Steward or thief: The only **two positions mankind will hold**

Position #1. Steward - one appointed to have oversight and **access** to all that his/her Lord owns.

Read Genesis 39:2-3 AMPC

- Your stewardship makes **room** for God to be seen.
- A steward is **strong** enough to be **weak**, and refuses to own the **moment/situation**. The blessing of stewardship comes from taking **responsibility!**

Genesis 39:4-5 AMPC

- For a steward, true prosperity is not measured in **finances** but in **favor**.

- Favor is the result of God being **with** you because you **refuse** to do it without Him Being Lord!

Position #2. Thief (taking ownership) - one who unlawfully **takes** or benefits from the possession or property without recognizing or receiving **permission** from the owner!

The curse/problem with becoming a thief comes in taking **rights!**

Read Malachi 3:7 AMPC

Entitlement- is the belief that we inherently **deserve** privileges or special treatment, or that we have the right to have or do something.

Read Verse 8-9

- Causes a person to **overstep** Godly boundaries, resulting in **dishonor** and disobedience of **God** and people.

Keys to Diagnose the Heart of Entitlement: 5 Questions to ask yourself

1. In what areas of my life am I **discontent**?
2. Why am I feeling so **disappointed** right now?
3. Who am I **blaming** my failures or disappointments on?
4. How am I **comparing** my life to someone else's life?
5. What do I think I **need** in order to be happy with my life?

- **Submissive** obedience to God's Love is the key to moving from thief to steward and reversing the curse of ownership!

Read Malachi 3:10-12 AMPC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TFC'S NEW SERVICE TIMES - Starting Sun., Mar. 24th, 1st service will begin at 9:30 AM and our second service will begin at 11:30 AM.

PALM SUNDAY - Join us as we celebrate Palm Sunday, and our new service times on Sun., Mar. 24th, by wearing off-white and bold colors.

THE CREW - The Life Room LIVE w/Pastor Ted - Thurs. March 28th @ 7 PM. Register online www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events or on our mobile app.

BODY & SOUL BOOT CAMP: Come out and experience intense workouts that consist of calisthenics, cardio, and strength training under the instruction of Herb Cole. Workouts for ages 16+ Sat. Jan. 6 - Mar. 30, 11-12 PM @ TFC. Bring a mat & bottle of water.

TRANSLATION MINISTRY - Spanish Translation is available every last Sunday of the month, both services. Traducción en español está disponible los últimos domingos del mes, ambos servicios.

Next Step Classes - Are you interested in learning more about the vision and mission of The Family Church? Then, register for the Next Step classes. Effective February 4th, Next Step classes will be offered at 9:30 am. For more information, register through our mobile app. Or, send any inquiries to adulteducation@thefamilychurchnj.com

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Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the Month

Devotion/Prayer

Corporate Prayer Every Saturday 8 am – 8:30 am
Conference call line 267.807.9605 and access code 114853
Last Saturday of the month 8 am – 9 am In person

Mission Statement

The Family Church is a Local Community with a Biblical Mandate to Change Our World by Restoring God's Family!

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