

## THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **Four Laws of Love**

Subtitle: **Give Me A Pure Heart!**

Scripture: **Revelation 2:4 NLT**

Speaker: **Pastor Ted Winsley**

Date: **March 17, 2024**

**Read Revelation 2:4 NLT** 3 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.....

### Introduction

Real Love (Agape) is defined as Love without conditions, Love without a need! We learned that God's Laws are pre-planned instructions that guarantee success. Today, we will continue to discover that in order to walk in and experience "Real Love", we must turn, return, and uphold the 4 Laws of Love!

### The Four Laws of Love (1-3 on one slide)

**#1. Law of Pursuit-** to follow after, to apprehend, and become one.

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

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

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

**#3. Law of Priority-** to put in the **first** place, free of idols or rivals.

- The fruit of priority is value and **respect**.

**Psalms 51:1-2 & 7-8 AMPC** 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy and loving-kindness blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly [and repeatedly] from my iniquity and guilt and cleanse me and make me wholly pure from my sin! 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean [ceremonially]; wash me, and I shall [in reality] be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness and be satisfied; let the bones which You have broken rejoice.

**#4. Law of Purity-** a state of spiritual integrity/**strength**, that allows us to be closer to God and **experience** His love. Because purity allows us to **stay** open and **vulnerable** to God.

**Psalms 51:10-13 AMPC** 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the

joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted and return to You.

- The fruit of Purity is **perseverance**- experiencing **victory** in the midst of difficulty and **delay!**

### Retaining your purity in your marriage/relationship with God.

**#1.** A life of purity requires a **Decision** to stand on God's **Promises**.

**Read Joshua 23:14 AMPC** 14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. Know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one thing of them has failed.

- Every person will at some point experience a **crisis** of faith where we must decide if we really **believe** who God says He is!

**Read 2 Corinthians 7:2 AMPC** 2 Do open your hearts to us again [enlarge them to take us in]. We have wronged no one, we have betrayed or corrupted no one, we have cheated or taken advantage of no one.

A heart that chooses to believe the promises of God will **remain** pure and remove **anything** that will prevent them from **receiving** the promise!

**#2.** A life of purity requires **Faith** in a **Faithful** God!

**Read 2 Timothy 2:13 AMPC** 13 If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself.

Faith means that whether I am physically **delivered** or not, I will stick to my belief that God is **love**, God is **good**, God is **truth!**

God's promises are for enabling us to overcome and remain pure in the **face of evil**.

### We are often unaware of God's faithfulness to us because...

- We **choose** not to see it.
- We're too busy looking toward and worrying about the **future**.
- We don't know God's **Word** well enough to stand firmly on His faithfulness.

**Purity: You can only have what you want!**

**Read Psalm 86:11-13 NLT** 11 Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you. 12 With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, 13 for your love for me is very great. You have rescued me from the depths of death.

## **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.

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY** - Come out and witness TFC's Drama Ministry's Production of "The Savior" at both 9:30 & 11:30 AM services.

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

**BODY & SOUL BOOT CAMP:** 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.

**Next Step Classes** - Next Step classes will be offered at 9:30 am. For more information, register through our mobile app. Or, send any inquiries to [adulthoodeducation@thefamilychurchnj.com](mailto:adulthoodeducation@thefamilychurchnj.com).



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**Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> 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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