

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **Four Laws of Love**

Subtitle: **Who Took First Place!?**

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

Speaker: **Pastor Ted Winsley**

Date: **March 10, 2024**

John 14:14-15 NIV 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. 15 “If you love me, keep my commands.

Introduction

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

God’s Laws - pre-planned **instructions** that guarantee the **success** of the product that the laws apply to.

The Four Laws of Love

#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**.

Read Matthew 22:35-38 APMC 35 And one of their number, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. 36 Teacher, which kind of commandment is great and important (the principal kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light—which are heavy?] 37 And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect). 38 This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment.

#3. Law of Priority- to put in the **first** place. It means to have a heart that is free of idols/**rivals**.

- God, who takes the first place in our marriage/relationship, is intolerant of rivals. This is called legitimate Jealousy!

The Biblical Basis for the Law of Priority

Read Matthew 6:31-33 NLT 31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

When we prioritize our marriage/relationship with God, it compels Him to bring **order** and supply every need!

Read Verse 34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

- Proper priority removes **anxiety** (the fear of not having **enough**), because it brings spiritual **clarity!**

The Danger of Not Prioritizing Your Marriage/Relationship with God

Matthew 25:6-13 NIV “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ 7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise...

Danger #1. You lose the ability to **discern** what is really important, making you Foolish. You **Waste** time that you can’t get back!

... Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out. No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.

Danger #2. You get **offended** when people aren’t willing to **do** for you, what you **weren’t** willing to do!

- People aren’t willing to sow **good** seed into **bad** ground!

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. **11** “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

Danger #3. The Door is **shut**, and you missed **the** opportunity because your priorities are out of **order!**

.....**12** “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.

God is in love with you and it's never too late to get your priorities in order.

Read Jeremiah 3:12-16 KJV 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: 15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land...

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: 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 adulteducation@thefamilychurchnj.com



THEFAMILYCHURCH
ESTABLISHED 2016

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **Four Laws of Love**

Subtitle: **Who Took First Place!?**

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

Speaker: **Pastor Ted Winsley**

Date: **March 10, 2024**

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!*

www.thefamilychurchnj.com

TFC Mobile App

Telephone # (856) 448-4546