

LOVE Overcomes March 24, 2024

*To help us ALL recognize, know, & experience the Love of God
God's powerful love that overcomes; is victorious; conquers; never fails...*

Jeremiah 9:24 Those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know Me & understand that I'm the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love

John 13:1b AMP ...He *loved* them & continuously *loves* them w/ His perfect *love* to the end, eternally. *(to show the full measure of His love)*

Romans 8:35 AMP Who shall ever separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...**37** Yet in all these things we're more than conquerors & gain an overwhelming victory through *Him who loved* us so much that He died for us. **38** For I am convinced & continue to be convinced-beyond any doubt, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present & threatening, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the *unlimited love of God*, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Even when we don't reciprocate His love, His love remains.
The devil has no power over me because I'm grounded in God's love!*

John 13:34 Now I'm giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I've loved you, you should love each other. **35** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you're My disciples.

**Jesus' love is selfless; real Christian love is sacrificial action.*

1 John 4:20 MSG If anyone boasts, "I love God," & goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he's a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

WE ARE AMBASSADORS OF HIS LOVE

Romans 12:9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what's wrong. Hold tightly to what's good.¹⁰ Love each other w/ genuine affection & take delight in honoring each other.¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard & serve the Lord enthusiastically.¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, & keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them.

*Christian love is only known by the actions that it prompts.
(If there's no action, there's no love.)
Christian love says, "What can I do for you?"*

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5 Keys To Building Loving Relationships w/ People

1. Know people – Knowing others; making them feel valued = success.

Ephesians 5:2 AMP Walk in love, esteeming & delighting in one another as Christ loved us & gave Himself up for us, a slain offering & sacrifice to God, for you...

Knowing people means being a good listener & wanting to understand.

2. Have faith in people – Choose to hope & believe & trust in others.

People may let you down, but it's worth the risk. Keep the faith.

Galatians 5:6b TPT ...All that matters now is living in the faith that is activated and brought to perfection by love.

3. Forgive people – to forgive & forget is necessary when loving others.

Colossians 3:12 Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves w/ tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, & patience.¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults & forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves w/ love...

4. Connect w/ people – Make the sacrifice of time – interact, & engage.
(redeem the time, make the most of every opportunity)

Hebrews 10:24 Let's think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love & good works. **25** And let's not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

Love isn't some sentimental feeling. It means interrupting my schedule, spending my money, risking my feelings...doing what's best for them!

Loving people well, means you must make time for them

5. Be intimate w/ people – be transparent, open, honest, & vulnerable

Galatians 5:13b ... use your freedom to serve one another in love. **14** For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Intimacy w/ people means we let ourselves be known.

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Romans 2:4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, & patient God is w/ you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that His kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? (...lead you to repentance.)

1 Corinthians 16:14 AMP Let everything you do be done in love, motivated & inspired by God's love for us.

*Some people aren't interested in Jesus because of other religions **OR** negative impressions w/ Christians or churches **OR** the internet spreading misinformation. They need to taste & see that Jesus is good; experience the love of Jesus & His invitation through our kindness.*

Ephesians 4:2 AMP w/ complete lowliness of mind (humility) & meekness, unselfishness, gentleness, mildness, patience, bearing w/ one another & making allowances because you love one another.

*We're in a spiritual battle,
there are spiritual forces in the world & selfish sins in our hearts.*

John 15:9 I've loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love.¹⁰ When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments & remain in His love. ¹¹ I've told you these things so that you'll be filled w/ My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹² This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I've loved you.¹³ There's no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend.

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God's love, flowing through us, towards others...

1 Corinthians 13:1 TPT If I were to speak w/ eloquence in earth's many languages, & in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn't express myself w/ love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal. ² If I were to have the gift of prophecy w/ a profound understanding of God's hidden secrets, & if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, & if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing. ³ If I were to be so generous as to give away everything I owned to feed the poor, & to offer my body to be burned as a martyr, w/out the pure motive of love, I would gain nothing of value. ⁴ Love is large & incredibly patient. Love is gentle & consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love doesn't brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance ⁵ Love doesn't traffic in shame & disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. ⁶ Love joyfully celebrates honesty & finds no delight in what is wrong. ⁷ Love's a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. ⁸ Love never stops loving...

13 ...there are 3 things that remain: faith, hope & love; yet love surpasses them all. Above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.

1 Corinthians 14:1a Let love be your highest goal!