



## Love One Another ..Time

*"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." ~Jesus, John 15:12, nkjv*

Love is not **"..proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged"** (1 Cor. 13:5, nlt). Christian.. ever have the Lord put you together with someone who really bugs you or slowly grates on your nerves until you've just got to get away on a break? I've been with certain people like that before, but fortunately my wife isn't at all hard to live with. I sure hope I'm not for her at all. Things seem very peaceful at our home for the most part (..we did our adjusting to each other some years ago when I was 20 something and had all the answers to every question or challenge. Sure never did n don't anymore).

But perhaps you tend to be a neat-nick and you live with some wild teenagers who just don't seem to be boarding the clue bus regarding their inherit slob-itus. But perhaps you work hard all day and then come home hungry, tired and ready to kick your feet up for the evening ..only to find the dishes piled high and the laundry overflowing on to the floor.

Your friends know that you don't really intend to be a mean person or a faultfinder but somehow your firm delegation skills and volume aren't driving the message home in their minds enough. After you speak your mind regularly ..you then experience some false feelings of guilt at times, but you simply want to see more results from em.. some sharing of the heavy load.

And perhaps even though you've been a diligent teacher, at this point, there doesn't seem to be anything redeeming or positive that you can learn from them in return.

Perhaps you tend to be more of a shopaholic—a freewheeling carefree spendthrift or maybe a real generous person with money. But you have somehow found yourself married to someone who is very careful with the income. My wife Liney is like that. She is not stingy in the least and she constantly challenges me to be a good steward with what God has entrusted to us.

Listen, that should be a very good thing for you both. It won't be good at all if either of you insists upon being selfish though. God wants to use each of you to help sanctify the other one. From firsthand experience, I would say that a husband would do very well to listen up to their godly wife. I've learned the hard way before and don't want to take that class again.

Perhaps you are an introvert type that likes to say home or say get away to your cabin in the mountains just to enjoy the quiet.. and yet the Lord has joined you together with a real social person who likes the excitement of crowds and the city and big meetings and rubbing elbows with all kinds of people non-stop.

Or worse yet, perhaps you are dating (hangin' with, courting.. whatever you wanna call it) or married to someone who seems to be a little bit too much just like you are and you are feeling like you space ..from yourself if you will.

Listen, those opposite people or even similar people do have great value and as we Christians obey the clear commands of the Word of God, then the Lord can use those people to sand off some rough edges from your witness. He can use our time with them to grind off our sharp impatient, rude, demanding or irritable sides. He really likes you (He made you after all) but He doesn't like those un-Christ-like edges 'cause they just don't represent Him well and there are other people around you.

***“Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.” ~Psalm 136:26***

Think of the meal offering back in the day that was spoken of in the Old Covenant of the Bible. It consisted of real flour that had been ground up into a fine powder. Why? Well, it had been placed in a round hole where it was then rubbed a lot and basically grated by a square pestle coming down on it over and over again.

That flour was then mixed together with oil. Why? Well that oil they used back then of course typified the presence of the Holy Spirit. Very important!

When the oil and the flour were mashed up together it then was offered to the Lord and this was to be a picture if you will, of a totally consecrated life—the kind of life God wants you to enjoy.

Having both the presence of the Holy Spirit and a fully consecrated life are so desirable even in our day—both go together. Ask the Holy Spirit to work with you until you look, smell, sound like and represent the Lord Jesus Christ well in our dark worldly environment called life on earth. He hasn't forgotten you and will be glad to oblige.

***Lord, teach us the secret of loving, the love You are asking today; then help us to love one another; for this we most earnestly pray. ~Anon.***

This is why Christ told His disciples and us Christians today to ***“love one another”*** ...because ***“by this all will know that you are My [Christ's] disciples, if you have love for one another”*** (John 13:34-35).

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