



Our Goal is Love

FULLNESS

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*"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart, and a good conscious and a sincere faith."
1 Timothy 1:5*

When Paul admonished his young mentoree to keep the main thing the main thing, he obviously had the full scope of love in mind.

➤ To love God.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." Matthew 22:37-38

➤ To love each other.

"And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39

➤ To love the lost.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

"For the love of Christ controls us we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:14, 20

The focus of this lesson, however, is on loving each other.

1. Goal. Love is the goal, not the means, because people are the end and not simply the means. The reason we, in the College of Prayer, mentor pastors and leaders to reach a lost world through a revived church is to love. The reason we plant campuses of the College of Prayer around the world and rebuild upper rooms of prayer everywhere is because we love. If we plant a hundred thousand campuses of the College of Prayer and yet have not loved, we have utterly failed.

WARNING: THE LARGER OUR MINISTRY GROWS, THE MORE OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE MUST GROW.

2. Capacity. Some things you cannot do better with age; fortunately, love is not one of them. The older we get the more focused we become on the ultimate goal of our ministry—love. *"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."* 1 John 4:10

WARNING: THE BROADER OUR MINISTRY GROWS, THE DEEPER OUR TAP ROOT NEEDS TO GROW DOWN INTO THE LOVE OF GOD.

3. Heart. God has strategically placed around you people who will require you to transition from soulish to spiritual leadership. *“Love that issues from a pure heart.” 1 Timothy 1:5* Soulsh people will never love effectively, because genuine love flows from a deeper source, from our spirit (or heart).

WARNING: SOULISH MINISTRY WILL NEVER MAKE YOU A KINGDOM LEADER; IN FACT, IT WILL DISQUALIFY YOU.

“The kingdom of God travels along relational lines.”

Action Steps to Succeed at Love

1. Fully embrace your spouse and everything about her. Lay down your life for her. “My spouse is God’s best for me—way better than I deserve.”
2. Convince your spouse that she is the number one love of your life (next to Christ).
 - Take her calls and respond to her texts immediately, no matter what else you are doing.
 - Maintain a weekly date night that you keep invariably.
 - Schedule regular vacation times where she wants to go.
 - For any special projects (writing books, outside speaking engagements, etc.) get her permission in advance.
3. Love and bless the uniquenesses in each of your children. Think of creative ways to bless them with acceptance, affection, and affirmation through each of the seasons of their development.
4. With your closest leaders, write a year-end letter of blessing, identifying the unique contributions they make to your ministry.
5. Renounce any unjust weights and measures you have used to unfairly compare your colleagues to someone they are not.
6. In the new year, commit yourself to stand before God each week and pray through the Lord’s Prayer Pattern on behalf of your spouse, children, and closest colleagues in ministry.
 - Relationship “*Our Father in heaven*”
 - Worship “*Hallowed be your name.*”
 - Lordship “*Your kingdom come.*”
 - Sonship “*Give us Forgive us.*”
 - Fellowship “*As we forgive.*”
 - Leadership “*Lead us deliver us.*”
 - Ownership “*For yours is the kingdom power glory.*”
7. Just as you write a year-end letter of blessing to each of your colleagues, make a commitment to God to verbally express to them something similar at least once each month this coming year.

Kingdom Principle: *People are not the means of accomplishing the ministry, people ARE the ministry.*

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