

YOUR 3 SPIRITUAL LOVES PART 3

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. And, love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

The Way I Love Me Will Determine How Well I Can Love You

4 WAYS TO LOVE OTHERS LIKE JESUS DID

Number One: _____

You're familiar with the old written law, 'Love your friend,' and it's unwritten companion, 'Hate your enemy.' I'm challenging that. I'm telling you to love enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time respond with the energies of prayer, then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves...if all you do is love the loveable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. Matthew 5:43-47 (Msg.)

Number Two: _____

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?" He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?" He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."

"Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live." Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?" Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead.

Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man. "A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable.

In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.' "What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "Go and do the same." **Luke 10:25-37**

Pity is: Your Pain In My Heart

Love Is: Your Pain Is In My Heart And Back Out Through My Hands

Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **1 John 4:8**

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. **Ephesians 4:2**

Number Three: We Step Up To The Greatest Love

AGAPE = GOD'S KIND OF LOVE

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

AGAPE LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

There's no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. **John 15:13**

AGAPE LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL

Let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. **1 John 3:18**

NUMBER FOUR: _____

*Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. **Luke 15:4-7***

YOU ARE GOD'S MISSILE!!!