TO THE FAMILY of GOD:

Remember

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To My Readers:

This book is written to teach, remind, instruct, and encourage us to walk in love, and be increasing in this vital fruit for our lives and those around us. It is also written to put something in your hands you can read and give to others to "remember love."

This is taken from a compilation of thoughts and truths I have collected on love (might save you some time). If something is written in book form people are more likely to accept it, so I expect my family will all read this and remember it came from their mom, grandma, great grandma, or whoever I am to them. I like things written down.

Every family and family of God is different, has different needs, different avenues, different upbringings, and different gifts of the Spirit to help them to fellowship with God. But every one of us needs to be reminded of the importance of love as God sees it. (Yes, He created it, and He is It.)

So, to my family and any family of God who reads this, I say let's make love our great quest and get rid of all the junky, selfish, motives and needs. We need love, we need it now, and we need it till we meet God.

The Bible says, "To write the vision and make it plain," so this is a vital vision we need to have in our spirits and souls to operate in the kingdom of God effectively.

I was thinking recently that there is so much written on the subject of love, that my book won't add anything new, so should it really be written? We asked the Lord about it and He spoke in tongues and interpretation:*

To the Family of God: Remember Love

"The Lord says to you that you need to understand that the Lord leads and the Lord guides you in this, and you need to realize that the book of love is important because there really is nothing more important than love if you understand it. You need to follow your heart and if you follow your heart it will come out the way it should be, for you have desired the Lord in your heart."

God will always help you to know what to do, and then help you do it. That's love!

^{*}We have a proven interpreter in our midst (Jack) who has been faithfully and accurately interpreting various tongues inside and outside of church for many years. It has always proven to be of the Lord. (Love those gifts!).

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*The old King James Version and the Amplified Bible are used in this book. Hopefully you can tell the difference, so won't name which one each time.

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Chapter 1

The Definition of Love

Our families are all busy, with concerns about finances, time, insurance, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, sports activities, and just keeping up with everything in a family. In the rush we can get nervous, snappy, and in general not walk in love even though accomplishing much. Nothing takes the place of love. Make it a priority to walk in love through the "madness" sometimes, and remember, being crabby and short tempered doesn't help any member of your family. And—important—quit thinking of yourself and how you feel.

We all want to leave an inheritance for our loved ones, and we may not have many investments or good old cash to leave, but we can leave our families with good memories of ourselves and a spiritual inheritance of what God means to us and how real He has been in our lives. Life is precious and the most precious thing we can give is true love. The more we learn about it the better we will be at it. So let's start out with God's definition of love, as He created it and in fact "is love." I Corinthians 13:1-8:

- If I can speak in the tongues of men and even of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge,

and if I have sufficient faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) *I am nothing* (a useless nobody).

- Even if I dole out all that I have to the poor in providing food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not love (God's love in me), *I gain nothing*.
- Love endures long and is patient and kind.
- Love never is envious and boils over with jealousy.
- Love is not boastful or vainglorious.
- Love does not display itself haughtily.
- Love is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride).
- Love is not rude (unmannerly), and does not act unbecomingly.
- Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way.
- Love is not self-seeking.
- Love is not touchy or fretful or resentful.
- Love takes no account of the evil done to it (it pays no attention to a suffered wrong.)
- It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.
- Love bears up under anything and everything that comes.

The Definition of Love

- Love is ever ready to believe the best of every person.
- Love's hopes are fadeless under all circumstances.
- Love endures everything without weakening.
- LOVE NEVER FAILS!!"

I like to remember the sweet and simple King James Version, vs. 7:

Love beareth all things, Believeth all things, Hopeth all things, Endureth all things, Love Never Fails

Some of this is downright painful, and makes you gulp, kind of like well I guess I'll give it a try now and then. No, this is not some huge exaggeration that only a spiritual giant or giantess can do. God is not tempting us to strain to do something impossible or beyond our reach. This kind of love is not a lofty goal, nice to think about, but never to be attained. Read this chapter again, and think this really can be me by the power of the Holy Spirit. I can be love like God is love. Think how popular you'd be, especially with God, if you believed this enough to walk in it.

God says not only to do this but to "eagerly pursue and seek to acquire this love, make it your aim, your *great quest*," 1 Cor. 14:1. If you want a supreme challenge and a high calling and to be well known by God, this is it. Pursue Love. It will deliver you and those around you from sins, infirmities and problems because God responds and honors love, and gifts you to set others free. He spoke to Jack and I recently before we were going to pray for deliverance for someone and said because we had walked in love He would give us the answers for this person and help us to know what to minister to them.

If we had possessed all knowledge about this person, knew all the right prayers, had faith to remove the mountains in their life, and not walked in love, there would be *nothing* there. God said because we were acting in love He would give us the answers.

Circle Ministry

In fact the word says, "mere knowledge causes people to be puffed up, but love edifies and builds up and encourages one to grow to his full stature," 1 Cor. 8:1. Knowledge has the quality to puff up or tear down; love doesn't have that quality; it is always of God. So, try to be a little more like God: When you wake up in the morning instead of thinking of yourself, how to get ahead and the cares and distractions of this life, let the thoughts of your heart go to who can I encourage today, who needs my prayers today, who needs a kind word, help me to help someone today, especially if it's your children. There are hundreds of needs all around you and on into the world. As you try to meet the needs of others through the love that you're practicing in your life, God will meet your needs and you will be more blessed when it's God instead of yourself trying to bless yourself or expecting others to bless you, you, you.

People want to minister to groups, churches, on the foreign fields, have a title, and that can be good of course, but we get our eyes off of the people God really wants us to minister to on a daily basis, and that's the people around us. I consider everyone around me, especially my family, as my church that God has given me to pastor and shepherd. If He sends me to a foreign field that's one thing, but so far our own wide circle of everyone we know has kept us busy. It's not just saying hello, giving them a gift, but it's searching for answers to get people actually delivered and set free from bindings. It takes the motivation of love to give you the strength, energy, and wisdom for this circle ministry and to spend the time to be effective. If the motive isn't intense love, you cannot find the time, and other things will seem more important, or your help will be superficial.

The Lord told us through the gifts of tongues and interpretation on 3-31-2002:

"And God has bestowed upon all His great love, but few people appreciate or walk in that love. But the Lord says to you that you need to walk in love and you need to walk in love towards one another and those that are around you.

"And the Father says that in that Day all shall give account for the love that they have walked in and that love will be to those that are around you.

"For many people are deceived regarding the love of God, and they think that that love must reach out to all in the world, but the Lord has placed you and the Lord gives you the responsibility to walk in love towards those that you come in contact with.

"And as that love in you reaches out to others it will reach out to others and to others and to others, and yes, it will reach out and go around the world. But the Lord says to you that the love must begin with those that you are in contact with, those that you are around, and that is what you will give account for.

"For the Lord says that the *love of God does not abound in the hearts of My people,* and if you will walk in that love you shall glorify the Father, for those that walk in love glorify Me.

"And as you look around you can see that the love of God does not abound in the hearts of men, and as you look at the situation in the Middle East you know that the love of God does not abound, and they that seek peace do not understand what peace means, for peace comes from the inner man. And you cannot establish peace without having hearts changed and hearts changed so that love flows out.

"And you need to remind yourself that the love of God seeks not her own, but this world seeks her own in every way and this seeking of its own brings great sorrow to the Father, and yea, it brings strife against the men of this world.

"For the love of God will bring peace and the love of God will stand against all strife. But you need to walk in love and you need to walk in the understanding of love and you need to in your hearts receive so that you might give out the love of God."

Short Thoughts on Love

Life is too short to pursue everything in life and have partial success in many areas. But the precious time in your life is not ever wasted to eagerly pursue love, because love is the only thing that never fails.

A high-profile preacher was telling the story of how he was being curt with his wife (who was an awesome wife). She came up to him afterward, touched his cheek, and said, "maybe come day I'll be a blessing to you." He almost sank to the floor. Then he said something that struck me, "my wife *trusted in love*." We can trust in a lot of things to get us out of problems and jams, even our own ingenuity, but do we really trust that if we walk in love in every situation that God will take care of us and it. We cannot underestimate the power of walking in love in every season and circumstance of life because then we get God involved. When we're in strife and contention He removes Himself from our presence.

We all say, oh yes, I want to glorify the Lord. I want to teach, preach, prophesy, do miracles, have an exalted position so others, and God, will know I'm serious and gifted and recognize me in the market place, or Safeway. But the word cuts into that flesh and tries to circumcise you from that thinking by saying, "When

you produce much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine," John 15:8. I'm starting to get it: it's the fruit stupid!

It's so easy to be deceived into thinking we're the exception and we're blessed enough and doing o.k. and I'm a regular churchgoer, I usually tithe, everything's cool; and yet we're not walking in love in many areas, and that includes even in our thought life. There is still envy, jealousy, competition, hurt feelings (especially in families), but we push it down thinking the good outweighs the bad. It doesn't. God says (oh that word is so convicting!), "Are you so blind as to trifle with and presume upon and despise and underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and longsuffering patience? Are you unmindful or actually ignorant of the fact that *God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent*," Romans 2:4.

And what, my dear reader, is God's will, not just His will, but His commandment. "I give you a new commandment; that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another." A direct command, and if you do, "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you love one another, if you keep on showing love among yourselves," John 13:34,35. All men won't acknowledge you as a great Christian because of your preaching or your giving, but because they see you walk in love, oh that man is kind, he must be a Christian, that man seems happy, he must be a Christian.

If you call yourself a Christian do you act like a Christian? Do you dress like a Christian? Do you love God? Do you love those around you? If not, please question your Christianity and don't make excuses for your lack of love. Well, everybody has weaknesses, everyone sins, I have a right to. You have a right to be forgiven and to forgive others, but your real right is to bear the fruit of love all day every day. I can't do that. God in you can. And if you get a revelation of how important love is and what it can accomplish you will try harder to pursue it until you catch it.

It will take a while, but the word says, "go on to perfection." Keep pursuing and the excuses will get less and less. Remember, love is a fruit of the supernatural Spirit, God working in you that which you desire (and eagerly pursue). Also remember that "He will do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," Eph. 3:20. You have to walk in love by faith, not the sight of your own inadequate feelings, because the word says nothing avails anything, "but faith which works by love," Galatians 5:6.

Chapter 2

Old Commands Stop the New Command of Love

To make love your great quest you also need to pursue (don't forget eagerly), getting the hindrances, faults, sins, weaknesses, curses, spirits (you name the hindrances; most of us have got plenty if we're honest), *out* of your soul and spirit, and get delivered from the reasons and causes. For example, we try to put in the command of love when there is hatred to be confessed and removed, then that love we're straining to show bounces off that hatred and strife in our soul and doesn't penetrate.

Most of you know computers, that they will not take a new command until the old command is removed out of the way, then the new command works. And love is a new commandment. But we have the old stuff that needs to be confessed, repented from, and removed from our lives. How the people around us would love that instead of us trying to put new wine in old wineskins and then they burst! (We get angry, upset, and ugly.)

That doesn't mean we're loving doormats, because the word says, "speak the truth in love." The truth may hurt at times but if it's done in love it will be effective, and it's up to the other person how they choose to receive it, you have done your part by speaking truth in love.

So what would some of the old commands we have in us be?

Curses passed down. Read all the curses in Deut. 28:15-57 (ouch). Do you think your beloved forefathers have walked in any of these? You bet they have, and you've got the dna to prove it. Doctors acknowledge that physical diseases are passed down in families, and it's the same with soul's diseases and weaknesses. God has told us to pray for people's dna in certain instances because "everyone has a background." Exodus tells us that the bindings of the sins and iniquities of the fathers are passed down in families, just like the blessings are passed down. But we try to get the blessings without removing the curses and the two don't mix.

Learned negative behavior and reactions from your background, not being shown or taught how to react in love. The longer you walk in negative behavior the more it gets ground in there so to speak and the harder to remove. It may take years to develop the wrong kind of personality so don't give up if it takes some time and prayer and help from others to remove the ungodly things in your personality and nature.

A lack of knowledge, thinking we're stuck with the way we are, not hearing or believing God's word that He will change anything in us that is wrong and make it right. Yes, it takes time and effort but the results are eternal. Mostly it takes faith, and that develops over time.

Plain old ugly sin. As you read the word notice how many sins God Himself points out that He does not want us to walk in as it will destroy us. Yes the word says that "sin brings forth death." The word also says that "every sin shall receive a just recompense of reward." (You can look up a few more like these can't you?) Do you walk in anger, unforgiveness, fornication, pride, sorrow, stress, adultery, gluttony, love of self, love of the world, to name a few. God sent His Son to die for these sins so you could be delivered. These old commands spit out the command of love. And let's not forget selfishness, to where everything is motivated by self even while you're thinking you're an awesome Christian.

As stated above, we can be so deceived into thinking we're so fine because of all our great qualities and everyone thinks we're a super Christian, and yet we can still keep and harbor a devastating sin in our hearts. So watch it! Get all the sins out of the inner chambers of your heart. That's one of the main messages of the Bible. And you've been taught who the great deceiver is, and that's how you get devoured is by getting deceived.

I have a little tip here: Judge yourself by the word, not by your own thoughts of yourself, and what other people may think. It says to "judge righteous judgment" and that's only through the word.

Just not caring enough. Being lukewarm, it's too much trouble to pursue God all the time, being satisfied with being a carnal Christian instead of a spiritual Christian. You may barely get to heaven, but it would not be satisfying to see how much you missed out on, or your rewards, because you chose to leave carnality in your heart; and don't forget the possibility that heaven may not be your home if you choose to house a sin or iniquity and you know God has spoken to you about it. Oh I'm cool enough to leave it there – that's deception and the world's thinking.

Letting Satan snatch the word away. "The word is sown, but when they (us) have heard, Satan comes immediately, and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts," Mark 4:15.

Not having the right heart prepared to keep the word. "Those whose hearts are stony ground hear the word, receive and accept and welcome it with joy, and they have no real root in themselves, and so they endure for a little while; then when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, they immediately are offended, become resentful, stumble, and fall away," Mark 4:16-17.

And if you leave *thorns* in your heart when you hear the word, "Then the *cares* and *anxieties of the world*, and *distractions* of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things, creep in and **choke the word** and **it becomes unfruitful,**" Mark 4:19.

Stony ground (or heart) reminds me of the word in Matthew 24:12, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold." Be careful that your own sin and the sins of those around you don't cause your heart to grow so cold that you don't change.

The fruit of love can't penetrate hardness in your heart, it can't grow with thorns of sin and dishonor of God: you have to make a decision and determine to get sin and backslidings out of your heart so the word can saturate it. That new command of love can come in because you're striving to get the old commands of sin and disobedience out.

Oh God will accept me, He knows I'm just teeny-weeny flesh. But He gave us His Son, His Word, and His Spirit to get rid of every bit of hypocritical lying cheating flesh you might have clinging to you that you either invited in or you were born with. Well nobody's perfect. He gave us everything He has for us to have a perfect heart toward Him, even though we still have things in our life that may be stumbling blocks to ourselves or others. If it's causing any stumbling for anybody let Jesus cast it into a hog somewhere. That's not really how a deliverance person prays, but close.

Mark 5 tells of the man tormented with over 2,000 spirits. This man had some unpleasant personality problems as "he was in the mountains night and day and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones." When Jesus got off the ship the man, "when he saw Jesus afar off, ran and worshipped him." Don't let even one spirit, depression, guilt or binding keep you

from worshipping God. If you keep running toward God, even in your thoughts, He will run towards you and find where you're at in your graveyard of torment, and deliver you, until all that stuff that belongs in hogs is cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness. When those 2,000 hogs landed in the sea there must have been some shocked sea life. Also a great buffet! (They're still telling their ancestors about it.)

Deliverance ministers usually don't cast spirits into hogs because it might disturb someone's hog farm, and that wouldn't be love. Jesus did because the spirits said, "Send us into the swine, that we may enter them." They needed to rethink that because all the swine were choked in the sea and the spirits with them. What a cool deliverance. What an entry in his diary that day....guess what happened to me in the graveyard today...?

Chapter 3

Grandma Used to Smoke

Satan uses deception constantly, he is the Great Deceiver. (I know I keep harping on that, but we have seen so many people deceived into wrong thinking.) We were taught the verse in Proverbs many times, "There is a way that seems right to a man but the end thereof is death." He will try to deceive you into thinking oh it's just natural for me to think or act this way, it's too hard to get rid of certain sins and weaknesses, who do I ask for prayer, I'm busy so I'll think about it another day; the days whiz by and you're the same, or worse, this year than last year, or it's got so covered up you're deceived (that word again). Some habits are so imbedded in us we think they're too important or strong in our life to get rid of. That's not true. The light of God's word and ways is much stronger than darkness if you want deliverance.

I loved and depended on smoking (this is an example; it's not a cast that smoking woman into hell sin) for years and it was part of my style of living. I wouldn't think of having a conversation or talking on the phone without trying to stain my hands with nicotine a little more. But this strong binding causes you to leave church during the altar call (especially when you were going to go forward) to go out in the wet grass with snow falling on your hair because you crave a cigarette. And I don't think it's love to fill your throat with cancer and leave your family early, not to mention infecting them with second-hand smoke. It may be o.k. to smoke in the car with the window down in winter, but

the baby in back is sneezing. It's not nice to make others put a mask on while you're coughing in their face. So if it's not love for others it (whatever or whoever "it" is has to go). And who wants to be on their way to heaven with smoke-reeked clothes covered with perfume? And just try to imagine the mortification if you're around the throne praising and God rises and says, What's that smell in My throng? You could say you just arrived and hadn't had time to bathe yet.

I don't know if people who smoke realize, or care, that their food is uneatable because of the smell. The exception would be Santa, as the plates the kids left out for him would always be empty. It might be a good idea to get Santa out of your house too, along with the smelly chocolate chip cookies (or keep up the lie if it's precious to you; I understand).

In fact, the more I think about it, smoke coming out of your mouth is kind of weird, not to mention your nostrils. Well, I was kind of weird in lots of ways until I fought for my deliverance. I did somewhat resemble a feminine dragon snorting out steam.

There are many ways to get hurtful habits out of your life because God always makes a way. I had a deliverance pastor pray for me for that habit. He laid hands on my shoulders, prayed against the cigarettes, I remember him praying against the nicotine in my system and believe it or not we both smelled the nicotine rising in the air. That's why I love deliverance, it's so delivering when you pray the right prayer with the right person. I never had a cigarette after that, even though I had to resist it for awhile when I saw others, but after a while even the desire left. It was a complete healing.

Don't know how I got on this subject, maybe because of the personal experience, but it's only one out of hundreds of things you can be bound with. There are of course worse things than smoking, it's just that I speak from experience that it's a kicker to break and you think you'll never live without them, when

really you're dying with them. So my kids, don't remember your grandma puffing, remember her asking for prayer and getting it out of her system.

There are more devastating things against your soul than smoking that keep you from walking in love, and nobody is picking on you for loving those Camels, but it's so important not to be casual about your relationship with God and take advantage of His longsuffering for any habit that is not love, like being a snotty sulker for example. Do you remember in Proverbs 6:16-19 the things that are really an abomination to God? I'll quote it for you as you're used to me doing things for you:

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. A heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren."

If you have any of these tell God you're really sorry and you won't do it any more, just like you did when you were disciplined by me the mother, which wasn't very often, not because you didn't deserve it, but I was scared of you all and the fuss you'd make. I wanted you to like me because I didn't smoke up the house and I always prayed with you.

Don't be Casual

There is a casualness of life and about life that this younger culture has that causes them to be casual about everything, including their spiritual life. Everything is too much trouble and let it all hang out, actually hang out is a good description. When I go to the mall I see a lot more than I want to see, everything is hanging out (I smile at the rolls around the waists hanging over the tight jeans and little tops: the reason I smile is my rolls aren't as big and it makes me feel smug). It amazes me the girls that can swing down the mall aisles half naked and yet acting

like everything's natural, and I guess it is the natural man feeling giggly because they managed to squeeze into the tiny clothes from the baby section because the ones in the teen section were too big.

This may sound old-fashioned, but it is love to other people to be modest. Modesty? Chasteness? Discretion? What are those? That's not with-it. I want flounce and bounce and attention from everyone. You, my dear, are being influenced by the god of this world and the god of nakedness that's in the world.

Underneath this attempt at humor I am serious because casualness is a stopper to having a wonderful relationship with God. God is not casual and He told us once that many people are too casual about everything, including their confessions. This casualness will keep you from walking in your calling because you don't want to get out of bed or you want to smoke pot once in a while, watch a certain no-no movie, so what if I wear thongs in the snow, I don't have any clean socks and I don't have time to tie my shoes. If I'm a half-hour late for an appointment so what, I like to show off my selfishness, I like everyone to know I'm my own person and boss, no-one tells me what to do, I let my little light shine with my own gross individuality, always self-centered and looking good, and don't you dare take this rebellion away from me, it steams me up.

What I'm saying, and all of this is to any family, not just mine, is don't let the casualness of the world's system take hold of you. The love of casualness and the excuse it gives for loose living will not be overlooked by God. Many in this generation do not want to be accountable to anyone or anything and they call it being my own man, but to be blunt, it will destroy your life, now and forever.

Modesty, discretion, and chasteness have a value in the Christian world. Too much nakedness is kind of like giving yourself away to strangers. Deliberately tempting the opposite sex can be fun, but it's not fulfilling in the love walk. And yes, I know a woman covered from head to toe with burlap can still give an attitude of come get me, I'm available. (And congratulations in a way for being able to do that in burlap.)

I wish there was some way I could penetrate or punch into people the importance of seeking God and being hungry and thirsty for righteousness because then they'll be fulfilled in this life and the life to come. It's so much more satisfying than flaunting your individuality, showing off your body fat, from the waist up or waist down, or being a popular brat with an attitude.

Get Your Spiritual Clothes On

Those who neglect to put on their clothes before going out have not been taught about the beautiful spiritual clothes God has for us in His closet. Those clothes are awesome, don't cost anything (well, a little seeking), wear forever, and they have the aroma of the Holy Spirit on them.

Speaking of getting dressed, there are nine things the Bible says to put on in Colossians 3:12-13, "Clothe yourselves as God's own chosen ones....by putting on behavior marked by the new man (your spiritual self) of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance, forgiveness." These clothes are the best you can wear. In 3:14 it says, "Above all these things *put on love...*" This is the outer garment (to help cover your bare whatever), and the finishing touch to a well-dressed Christian. Love binds all the rest together. Love is really grand. It's God's favorite style for His people. God says take off the filthy garments and put on clean white garments.

If you love any sin or weakness, or the world's clothes, more than putting on God's garments, you can be delivered (and still look great). I've written a chapter in another book entitled, "Does your soul need healing? Yes it does!" about confessing your sins one to another that you might be healed of that sin. That's what God says to do so I know I'm right on.

Old Commands Again

I forgot what my subject was for a while, so back to the hindrances that keep love from being and staying in your heart:

Spirits: They are like mosquitoes everywhere, I know because I've had to swat quite a few away from me and others, in fact, getting them out, and off, in the name of Jesus. The church is finally getting around to recognizing that Jesus knew what He was doing when He cast out spirits (and that ugly word "demons"). If people are bound with the same things for years and can't seem to have victory to fight against them there are usually a few spirits that need to be cast out. We inherit many of them, and the places and things we walked in before our eyes were opened to God and His ways brought many spirits our way. If you're casual about where you went and who you went with and what you did after you went there, you could easily have picked up a mosquito (a more palatable word).

If you walked in anger there is a big fat chance you've got a big Spirit of Anger in you, and you can only guess what else you might have because only you know what you've walked in, or your forefathers. For every word under the sun there is a spirit by the same name that can attach itself to you, either in, over, or around and can cause you to mess up and be a curse to those around you, even though you may love them also. Don't be scared of spirits, be scared of having them be a part of your life.

That's a whole other subject for another book. My kids will probably think, do we have to read all mom's stuff when she's gone, gone is a funny word but you know what I mean. Yes you do as my little fingers are stiff from cooking and cleaning for you and for typing all this, so the least you can do is read it. It is from my heart and my heart is filled with love for you all. Even though at times you've all thought I loved your brothers and sisters more than you, that is not true, you all have the same and a different preciousness in my heart. No-one could replace any

of you, even if replacements were tempting at times (not really, don't cry).

Pride, Self-Exaltation, Blindness, Self-Deception, Selfishness: Of course you could name more than these but these are common commands in people that Christians or their forefathers have typed in to their heritage. You have to want to be delivered and then God will give you the desires of your heart. He'll get off the boat by your shore and come straight towards you, usually by bringing someone or a book or a revelation that will start to set you free. Don't sleep with the enemy, get them out of your bed (like you would bed bugs).

Okay, let's add *fornication* and *adultery:* It's an extremely popular sport in our culture that if you like each other you can bunk down together, even after the first date or during the first date, maybe before. God forbids bunking. It is extremely unpopular with God, and there are so many bindings that come with casual sex that if I said them all here you would be surprised, and interested. That's for another book. Maybe if I title it *Love and Sex* you will read it. Let me say this: the bindings of some sexual sins are passed down for 10 generations – do you really want to do that to your family? My kids are out of that sexual minefield now and leading good clean married lives. Thanks God.

Chapter 4

A Little Study I Did on Love

If you're interested, the first time the word *love* is mentioned in the Bible is in Genesis 22:2. There is a Law of First Mention in the Bible, the first time something is mentioned it many times holds a certain significance to the meaning throughout the Bible. The next times that the word *love* is given is as follows:

"God said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you **love**..."

(Parent & Child)

"And Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took her and she became his wife, and he **loved** her," Genesis 24:67.

(Husband & Wife)

"And Isaac **loved** and was partial to Esau, because he ate of Esau's game..."

"But Rebekah **loved** Jacob," Genesis 25:28.

(Parents & Children)

(Isaac's love of Esau sounds selfish; Rebekah just "loved" Jacob)

"Rebekah told Jacob, Go and bring me two good kids; and I will make them into appetizing meat for your father, such as he **loves**, "Genesis 27:9.

(Love of food, big in the world)

Rebekah used it to entice Isaac into blessing Jacob Esther gave banquets before making her petition to the king.

"And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him but a few days because of the **love** he had for her," Genesis 29:20.

(Passionate love between a man & woman)

"And Leah became pregnant and bore a son and named him Reuben: for she said, Because the Lord has seen my humiliation and affliction, now my husband will **love** me," Genesis 29:32.

(A wife yearning for the love of her husband)

Chapters 33-35 says Leah became pregnant again and bore a son and said, Because the Lord has heard that I am despised. And she became pregnant again and bore a son and said, Now this time will my husband be a **companion** to me. Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, Now will I **praise** the Lord!," Genesis 29:32.

(Progression from love to companionship to praise)

"His (Shechem's) soul longed for and clung to Dinah... and he **loved** the girl and spoke comfortingly to her young heart's wishes," Genesis 34:3.

(Love between Gentile & Jew, unequally yoked back then) (A man yearning for the love of a woman)

"Now Jacob **loved** Joseph more than all his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him a distinctive long tunic with sleeves," Genesis 37:3-4.

(Parent & Child)

Isaac loved Esau because of food he made for him, and Jacob loved Joseph because he was the son of his old age.

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"But when his brothers saw that their father **loved** Joseph more than all of his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him," Genesis 37:3-4.

Joseph's brothers talking to Joseph in Egypt: "Benjamin alone is left of his mother and his father **loves** him," Genesis 44:20. (Parent & Child)

So the word "love" is mentioned 10 times in Genesis. None of these say to love God or love your neighbor or your dog or yourself. Some of those are in the New Testament. These "loves" are mentioned 5 times between parent and child; 2 times between a man and woman not married; 1 time a wife yearning for her husband; 1 time between a husband and wife; and one time for food. Does that tell you anything? Mommies and daddies love their kids. It's a natural love created by God. If that has been interfered with in your nature you can get it changed and learn to love your children.

Chapter 5

Tongues & Interpretations/ Exhortations on Love

We have a proven interpreter and exhorter in our midst so you can trust the following words because the gift has operated and been proven for years. Because this is a family book, to the family of God, but also to my family, I want you to know that your mom, grandma, great-grandma, great-great grandma (whoever I am to you) has the gift of tongues, for personal use, and in the assembly. Also, God gave me the gift of discernment to see spirits and visions (I call them pictures) to help people get delivered, and a gift of writing deliverances at certain times.

Jack, your dad and grandpa and on down had the gifts of interpretation of tongues, exhorting, and interpretation of dreams. This is nothing of us, but wanted you to know your spiritual heritage to encourage you to reach out for the gifts of the Spirit as well as the fruit of love.

Here are a few words of truth and wisdom from our archives of what the Lord has spoken to us in our meetings:

"And the Spirit of the Lord moves upon you to show you and to reveal to you the secrets of the Lord, and the Lord is willing to share the secrets of the Lord to help you in your life as you reach out to help in the lives of others.

"For the Lord shows you and gives you knowledge that you may help others, and so that others might be set free. But the Lord gives this to you not to consume upon yourself but to be used for the help and the deliverance of others.

"And the Lord says to you that the Lord has given you a ministry and the Lord gives to you as He gives to all: a ministry of love. And if you will **continue to use the love of God in your ministry you shall be greatly blessed and you shall always know the secrets of the Lord.**

"For the secrets of the Lord are the knowledge that the Lord your God has, and He gives you this knowledge, this secret, for the deliverance of those that you minister to. But you must always in your heart walk in love, and you must be always willing to share that love to those that the Lord sends your way.

"And if you will abide in this you shall know always in your heart that you can know the secrets of the Lord."



Oh, I just read one beneath this one that is so good I'll include it:

"And the Lord says to you that you need to understand
the way of the Lord and the way of man. The Lord looks upon
the intent of the heart and the Lord looks upon the thoughts that
man has.

"But you need to realize that your thoughts are dictated by your intents, and oft times man knows not why he thinks the things that he does, but because of intents he thinks these things. The Lord sees these intents and man tries to hide the secrets of his heart from the Lord, and man is not willing to share these secrets but endeavors to hide them. But the Lord says that even your secrets are revealed and open to the Lord, and every thought and intent of your heart.

"And yes, man, being evil, tries to hide these from the Lord and has no desire to share them. But the Lord, because of love, desires to share the secrets of the Lord and that which the Lord knows, and He hides them not. But because man desires not to know the way of the Lord, and because they come with wrong intents, the secrets go by unused."

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"And the Lord says to you, My children, that there is much that you are learning, and you are reaching out for truth, knowing that it is the truth that sets you free.

"But the Lord says, and to all those that will hear, that the most important thing, and you need to realize this, is that it needs to be motivated by love.

"For all of your desires and all of your will to do My will needs to be motivated by love. For love does much in your hearts as it reaches out, and it shows the glory of the Lord in your lives.

"If you want to do and accomplish that which the Lord has called you to do and accomplish, you need to continue to reach out, you need to **continue to cry that the love be in your hearts and in your lives, and that that love will flow out and reach out to others.**

"And the Lord says that there is a **great strength in love.**"



"And the Spirit of the Lord says to you, you have done well to pray for love, and you need to know that love is a flowing. And you cannot ever give away all of love, because love continues to flow. And the love of God that is in your heart is shed abroad, and that shedding abroad means to you that it never runs dry.

"And the Lord says that you cannot use up love, for love is continually being replaced and replenished in your heart. And as you go on with the Lord, you shall know the vastness of love, and you shall know that this river of love that flows from the Father through His people out to others.

"And if you shall walk in love, you shall be perfect in all your ways."



"And the Father does say to you that you know truth, but not only that you know truth but that you **be truth.**

"And as you go on in life and as you walk on with the Lord, you will realize how important truth is.

"And you know in your hearts that you can trust the Father because the Father is truth in every way, and the Father is light in every way, and in Him there is no darkness.

"And the Lord desires that you also walk in the truth so that you may be made known as truth. And as you become truth and are known for truth you will see that others put trust in you and know that you will do nothing to harm them for you walk in truth.

"And the Lord desires for His children to be **children of love**, but also to be children of truth. And you will find **great power** in love and truth, and you will realize that **you can overcome** obstacles by love and truth.

"But you need to hold fast to truth and you **need to have truth flowing out from your lives.**

"And you need to speak only the truth, and you need to walk in love as you speak the truth.

"And as you speak the truth you will find that others trust you because you speak the truth, not because of what you know, not because of what you've been or where you're going, but because you speak the truth.

"And you will find that people's trust can do much for you as they learn of the truth that abides in you. And if you will walk in truth you will find that people lean on you and seek you because they know they can trust you."



"You need to remember and remind yourself that the love of God seeks not her own, but this world seeks her own in every way and this seeking of its own brings great sorrow to the Father, and yea, it brings strife against the men of this world."



"And the Lord says to you, My children, that the Lord has gathered you here this day and the Lord has gathered you that the Lord might minister to you in truth and in love. There are many things that you may reach out for that come from the Lord, but the Father says to you, Hear this, reach out for the love of God for if you have the love of God you will find that other things flow in and through you naturally.

"You need to have that love, for the love of God will be a protection to you, the love of God will be a strength to you, and the love of God will show forth the praises of the Lord to others. And so the Lord says, reach out for that love, and do not be satisfied until you are filled with the love of God and that you put others first—that is the love of God."



"And the Lord's desire is that you give yourselves over to love, and that the love of God does abound in your hearts, for the Lord says to you that love will draw people to you, love will increase in your life, and your life will increase to others as you walk in love.

"It is the desire of the Lord that you give yourself over to the Lord, for the Lord is not demanding, and the Lord does not pressure you, but the Lord leads and guides you so that may show forth the praises of the Lord; and that you may show to those that will look to see that God is good."



"The Lord says to you that there is an area here where you need wisdom, but you also need to walk in love, and the Lord says that wisdom without love is not wisdom.

"You need always to strive to enter in; to enter in means to walk in love, and you must always consider that the Lord loves you, and that you need that love of the Lord flowing through you.

"And the Lord says you need always to guard your heart for there is where sin enters in, and you need always to have pure thoughts, pure motives, and a pure heart."



"And the Lord says to you, My children, that great shall be the blessings of those that will hold fast to the Lord, to those that will not be turned from the way.

"Surely the Lord has called you and the Lord's desire is to show forth, in you, the life of Christ that others may see the glory of God and be drawn to Me. "But you must in your life give yourselves over completely to this way, and you must speak the truth in love, and you must walk in love, and you must show forth love to your neighbor, for the Lord loves you and the Lord desires to use you, but you must walk in love continually, and you must always show forth the praises of God.

"The Lord says and to all who will believe, great shall be the blessing of those that yield themselves to the Lord your God."



"And the Lord says to you that there are many that proclaim that they love the Lord, but they do not do the things the Lord asks them to do.

"And if you declare your love to Me, you need to walk in obedience and you need to walk in that which the Lord causes you to do. For the Lord knows the end from the beginning, and the Lord will never leave you or forsake you as you continue to walk with the Lord and in the way of the Lord.

"And the Father says to you that there is great safety in walking with the Lord and there are great blessings for those that seek My face.

"But you must press in and you must go on and you must not only declare your love for Me, but you need to show your love for Me.

"And to show that love you need to walk in obedience and you need to do the things that the Lord calls you to do, and if you will do that you will find that there is great reward in walking with the Lord.

"The Lord says that the Lord prepares you for that which lies ahead, and the Lord says it is not only what you have done in the past but what will you do in the future.

"God draws you unto Himself, and as He draws you need to walk in that which the Lord calls you to do, for if you love the Lord you will serve Him with all of your heart and you will not draw back.

"As you walk with the Lord there is always a time of preparing and that time of preparing is yielding and doing those things which the Lord your God has called you to do.

"And the Father says, it is not him that says I love the Lord that the Lord blesses, but it is him that says I love the Lord and then does the things that the Lord asks him to do that the Father blesses.

"If you will go on with the Lord, remember to tell the Lord you love Him and then do that which the Father asks you to do, and if you will do this you will be continually prepared by the Lord.

"For the love of God will bring peace and the love of God will stand against all strife. But you need to walk in love and you need to walk in the understanding of love and you need to in your hearts receive so that you might give out the love of God."



"And the Lord has called you to walk a path of love, and this path of love, if you will walk on it, will show forth the love of God. For those in this world that will see you need to see love, for love is of God.

"And you are called to walk on this path of love and you need to walk towards one another in love, and as the love of God is seen in you towards one another it will reach out to others and they will be drawn unto the Father.

"But you need to remember, My little ones, that you are called to a path of love, and that path of love will show forth the greatness of God and the goodness of God, but there will be times when it will be easy, and there will be times when it will be hard, but the Lord says that your God will strengthen you and make a way so that you might walk upon this pathway of love.

"And as you show this love many will be gathered to the Lord because of the love of God seen in you."



"The Lord says to you that the love of God needs to flow, and the love of God needs to flow through you to others that they may taste and they may see that the Lord is good in everything that the Lord does.

"For many people through this world know not the love of God for they have never tasted it, nor have seen this love in others.

"But the Lord says to you that the love of God will flow and the love will flow to others if the people of the Lord will yield themselves to the Lord.

"For the Lord takes great pleasure in those who do the will of the Lord, who walk in love, and allow that love to flow through to others.

"And the Lord says to each and every one that there is **great** reward for those that walk in love."



"And the Lord says you need not to have understanding of love completely to walk in love. For love has no bounds and love reaches out to the need of others and love puts yourself in the place of others and understands. And yes, love never fails."

Chapter 6

Thoughts on Love

(They're not boring; read them)

- *A key to the love walk: you cannot love a person to their face if during the day you think unlovely thoughts about them or speak unkindly about them. God calls it sin; the world calls it being two-faced, and everybody does it, so what's the big harm?
- ***Love is an effort.** An angel doesn't come down and sprinkle it on you like love spots. I've asked God recently to take control of my heartstrings, and that my heartstrings are not controlled by my fleshly emotions, because Proverbs 4:32 says to "Keep your heart with *all* diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."
- *Love people on purpose; love is a decision. All those tingly love feelings are not going to vibrate over your body. You may not feel anything particularly loving, it comes from within you, and the foundation of it is your decision to love on purpose and make a decision. It may produce feelings but it's your desire to walk in love that will produce it. The giving of love is an act of the will that may or may not have feelings.
- *We love people with broken lives into wholeness.
- *Many times we're praying for people to change, but we're talking about them the way they are. Walking by faith instead of sight is a real effort sometimes.

*Bless your enemies and do not curse them. Our words affect each other even long distance. They can even keep a person from being saved. Remember the scripture, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," Proverbs 18:21. That's an easy one to memorize. You've got a real power there for good or evil, use it wisely.

*Love is universal – treats everyone the same. Of course you love your husband more than the neighbor hopefully, but if your neighbor needs help you treat him kindly and help him where you can and should.

*Love never says anything unkind about anyone even if they deserve it. You may have to sweat blood resisting over this one. You have to remind yourself that you're trying to lead a supernatural life and God is creating you different from the natural man you were with the independent attitude of nobody is going to tell me what to say, I'll speak my mind and say it the way it is. Oh, that's so easy to do. Bite your tongue.

*"A gentle tongue with its healing power is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit," Prov. 15:4. Unkind words are anything that breaks down the spirit. They can hurt my spirit and their spirit, and can even cause depression and discouragement. I heard a preacher say one time one of the reasons women can succumb to depression is they talk about each other so much.

I'll interject this here because it's interesting. Some people talk way too much, even if it's not evil, it's still idle talk not directed by God with no edifying purpose, and yakety-yak. Some have a Spirit of Talking or even a Spirit of Babbling, and once they start talking (it's like eating sometimes), they can't stop. You have to be able to temper and turn that faucet off. Have you ever had someone that can just talk you into the ground, they'll pound you with their thoughts and you feel abused or like you have to cover your ears from the insistence and power of it.

*You need to walk out of yourself and walk in love. I don't belong to myself: I've been bought with a price.

*The true measure of a man's love is how he treats people who can do nothing for him. If we run after the more rich and famous in our midst and walk by those in need or less social stature, beware, God is not that way, He loves the poor and needy. Watch and see how others treat the poor, strangers, widows, orphans and enemies. If you favor the favored, you're just like the world. There is a huge class-consciousness in the world that we need to avoid like the plague.

*"Love covers a multitude of sins," not magnifies. Let's quote the whole verse here, 1 Peter 3:8, "Above *all things* have intense and unfailing love for one another, for love *covers a multitude of sins*, forgives and disregards the offenses of others." And, "Hatred stirs up contentions, but love covers all transgressions," Prov. 10:12. We're supposed to magnify God and demagnify the sins of others.

*If you want to talk bad and refuse to do it, that thought loses its power and dies, and eventually from not having any fuel or any place to exercise itself, it will fizzle out. If there are words you've said in the past, or two minutes ago, and you want to stop their effects, you can say, right now, in the Name of Jesus I cast down every wrong, unkind, negative, stupid (fill in your own) words that I've ever said about --- or a situation --- and I cast those words into the ground and ask that they not bear any fruit. Sometimes it's good to ask that they be ashes under the soles of your feet. You can do the same with thoughts. Do this as often as needed.

*If you pray to forgive, but keep talking about it, it keeps it stirred up in us.

*As long as a Christian under severe trial holds his tongue that wants to say negative stuff, he remains master of the situation to a large degree. But when he turns his tongue loose, all the evil in his nature is called to the front.

- *Losing control of your tongue makes you fly out of your proper orbit, and imperils your own interests and those of others. James says it is set on the fires of hell. If darkness, like evil spirits, can control your tongue it will blight your happiness and others around you. Have someone put soap in your mouth until you can control it.
- * Sometimes words have to be spoken if it's to solve a problem or clear the air, but **after discussion and prayer, then speak positive things instead of negative**. Sometimes we talk and it's not necessary.
- *You bless yourself by blessing others.
- *Our spirituality is not us with God, but how we treat others. Job 35:6-8 says if you're righteous or wicked how does that change or affect God, but if you're wicked or righteous it affects others.
- *So, "since Christ suffered in the flesh for us, for you, (our sins were nailed to the cross), arm yourselves with the same thought and purpose, **patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God.** For whoever has suffered in the flesh, having the mind of Christ, is done with intentional sin, has stopped pleasing himself and the world, and pleases God. So that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by his human appetites and desires, but he lives for what God wills," 1 Peter 4:1-2. That's kind of a mouthful but I take it that since Christ suffered in His flesh for us we need to resist all the things that are the opposite of love, and that resisting and controlling yourself pleases God, because then you have the mind of Christ in what He would have done.
- *Don't give your brother a battle. God told us once in an exhortation not to give our brothers a battle by saying things that cause him, and you, to have to recover. Life is short, and recovering from unnecessary battles takes time and energy. This next one is a tongue-biter.

*"For what glory is it, if, when you are buffeted for your faults, you take it patiently? But if, when you do well, and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps. Guile was not found in his mouth, who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to God, "1 Peter 2:20-23.

And if the Lord returned when you were in the middle of your tirade, would you have been able to stop? It might be tougher to arise if there's no time to repent because your little conscience would hinder you. You may not hear the trumpet if you're screaming, and your feet may feel like lead if you've been walking in wrong directions. I've always been disappointed that vengeance belongs to God instead of me. It's hard to give others love when you want to give them your mind.

*When we try to avenge ourselves the words hang in the air, our evil words cover up their words, and God can't do anything. When we try to do it ourselves, God can't. Take the insult and trust God for the sake of the kingdom. If you can respond in love and truth, sensing the other person will take it, it may work, but that's hard in the heat of battle. If we can correct but not return evil for evil and deal with the issues but not retaliate that's a grace of God working in you. (I'd say double grace.) Sometimes it's better to be quiet when someone is being onery to us because we respond according to our emotions.

Words of vengeance, and some are good at throwing words back, may feel good at the time, and women can even smile while they're doing it, but after, and maybe for a long time, it feels miserable and you have to repent.

*It blesses God when you bless others.

*Sometimes you have to be wrong when you know you're right. That can be excruciating, but remember, God says, "For

my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," Isaiah 55:8. My goodness, they're not even close because the next verse says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than you thoughts."

*There is a difference in recognizing the sin and judging the sinner. You'll have a freedom and liberty in your life when you stop judging other people; get a new attitude toward people and their weaknesses, and be merciful.

*You will have joy if you will get off everybody else's case in your mind and put your mind on what God wants you to think about. Your life will be transformed. Remember Philippians 4:8, "Finally, children and grandchildren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

*"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless," James 1:26. In other words, suck it up and be quiet. Our righteous opinion is not worth displeasing God who has our eternal destiny and rewards in His hands.

*The love test is what are you thinking about that person?

*Love is the power area in your life, no love, no power. "Above *all* things have intense and unfailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins, forgives and disregards the offenses of others, 1 Peter 4:8. This is a crucial point – let things go. "Hatred stirs up strifes; but love covers all sins," Proverbs 10:12. I think this is quoted above, but it won't hurt for you to read it twice.

*Suffer wrong – don't think about it and don't talk about it, unless in the Spirit or necessary to help set you both free. Have an attitude of loosing people from their offenses. That's where the power is at. Katherine Kuhlman (an older time power packed woman) used to say, "Let's pretend like that never happened."

*We need to freely give forgiveness. "Freely you have received, freely give." "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses," Matthew 6:14-15. If you're not doing this you better be biting your nails because doom is on the way.

*Love is spiritual warfare. If we want to have authority over Satan we have to walk in love. When we walk in love Satan can't overcome us in areas. He can come against us and aggravate but he will not be successful if we walk in love. God responds to love.

*Love is fun, more fun than fighting the devil. Love is energizing. You're created to do that.

*You have the authority to act like Jesus acts. That's what having the authority of a believer means. Then the devil doesn't have authority over us. We've been trying to take authority over everything and not operate in the fruit of the Spirit. We need to take that authority and treat, not trick, people the way He would treat them. As ambassadors of His mercy our high calling and privilege is to show people mercy who don't deserve it. Mercy triumphs over judgment. Our authority is to treat people good who don't deserve it.

*Treat people the way God would. This is a door to every blessing. We don't have the liberty to do anything else. "Whatever you desire that others would do to and for you, even so do also to and for them, for this is and sums up the Law and the Prophets," Matthew 7:12.

*We need to be a message, not just preach. If you speak insincere words that sound good, but they don't have action and

a life behind them, they're empty words. Your dad and grandpa didn't just say he wanted to take care of us and provide for us, he focused his life this way and did it, even against many odds All of our family life has been blessed in every way because he became the message God wanted him to be, not just talked with sorrow that he wished he was a better provider, but worked the works necessary to make the words come to pass.

*We are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. The fire is the love walk. It's one match in a dark world.

*Don't judge one another because that Day is coming – it's reserved. Yes, we're to discern right and wrong, but not to judge unrighteously or with a judgmental attitude, and please don't judge when you've got the mote in your eye, meaning you've got the same thing you hate in others. Judging is another whole study for you to look into for yourselves.

*Love is not a feeling. Love is not talk. Love is not theory. Love can have a lot of feelings, but feelings don't always mean that it's real love.

*God doesn't equate love with feelings, there are no conditions. He loves everybody whether they deserve it or not. God says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. If you love them which love you, what reward have you? Even the tax collectors do the same," Matthew 5:44-47. You can only do this as you have close fellowship with God.

*To bless means to speak well of.

*To curse means to speak evil of.

If I walk by feelings I will not bless those who curse me.

- *Every day you have to take off the old nature and put on the new nature.
- *The true lover treats everyone kindly and finds that he likes more and more people. We write people off too soon and brush them off. They may need our help and we may need their help. Learn who should be in your life and who shouldn't. If you know they're supposed to be in your life there will be more longsuffering and trying to work out disagreements.
- *To pay people due respect is good; to flatter for your purposes is yucky. God would probably use the word abomination.
- *Great secret: When you are behaving as though you love someone you will soon come to love them. It's an action of faith. Praying for your enemies is also an action of faith.
- *The decision to make a commitment of love frightens us because that choice eliminates other possibilities (like acting how you really feel sometimes).
- *God's heart towards people is towards those that are hurting. Remember, Jesus "went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil." Get the fruit of love and the gifts of the Spirit and go about doing good, set people free, especially those within your circle. It's your God-given right. "But glory and honor and heart peace shall be awarded to everyone who habitually does good, the Jew and also the Gentile," Romans 2:10.
- *For God shows no partiality, undue favor or unfairness; with Him one man is no different from another," Romans 2:11. "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the chosen angels that you guard and keep these rules without personal prejudice or favor, doing nothing from partiality," 1 Timothy 5:21.

It's 5:30 am, I'm typing this and just saw this section of scripture (don't you love scripture!!), so will snatch-quote it here from Deuteronomy 10:12:20:

"And now, Israel, (we're the Israel of God now) what does the Lord your God require of you but to fear the Lord, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve the Lord with all your mind and heart and with your entire being.

"Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth also, with all that is in it and on it.

"Yet the Lord had a delight in loving your fathers, and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples. (Even though He's got it all and doesn't need us, He loves us – how blessed we are that He delights in loving us.)

"So be no longer stubborn and hardened. For the Lord is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, the terrible God, *Who is not partial and takes no bribe*.

"He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger and gives him food and clothing. Therefore, love the stranger."

Do you get the impression we're supposed to love everybody: God, our children, strangers, friends, brethren, and enemies? I know that's not in me so it must be in God who is in me! You don't give them all the same place in your life, but you're willing to minister and help them and pray for them.

*James 2:1, "My brethren, pay no servile regard to people, show no prejudice, no partiality! Do not attempt to hold and practice the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, together with snobbery!" Yes, it even has the exclamation point in the amplified. If you're practicing faith you can't hold snobbery with your faith. On your own time read James 2:1-9,

the whole chapter is about showing favoritism and partiality, insulting and having contempt for the poor, being a big puffed up snob and thinking you're so fine. Snobbery can be subtle, and not out in the open, but people feel it. These verses are pretty clear so that means we have to go out of our way to make people not feel inferior.

That's the way the devil makes people feel – less than they are, no self-worth, and lower than what God made them. So be a Holy Ghost spy – look for people who seem uncomfortable or awkward and make a point to include them into the mix. If we're not acting how God would act, then we can go around doing the works of Satan, even in church! If you do or think the works of the flesh you're of your father the devil. That sounds extreme, but God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

*Love is liberating – it never seeks to control anybody else. We're created to be free. Let people be who they are, not the way we want them to be, and don't manipulate them to be the way you want for your benefit. (That's witchcraft; trying to control and get your way, that's the root of the manipulation.) Oh, I'm not a witch. Maybe not officially but you can still practice some of the arts of getting your own way. The Lord is so direct and honest and we have a way of softening everything so everyone will accept it.

*Love offers people roots, a sense of belonging, but at the same time a sense of freedom. "May Christ through your faith actually dwell and make His permanent home in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love," Eph. 3:17.

*God hates sin, but loves sinners. We can do the same. We put too many conditions on our love. We don't want people to make it hard on us to love them.

*There is power in love, and love uses its power to serve other people's needs. Selfishness uses its power to manipulate others to meet its own needs. Love wants the other to be free to be all he's meant to be for his sake, and not for mine.

- *In God's creation there are two orders: things and people. God's intention was that things be used and people be loved. It's a sin to use people to get things.
- *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, emancipation from bondage, freedom," 2 Cor. 3:17. If you're not giving people liberty you're not being spirit-led.
- *Don't manipulate people with self-pity or temper or money or threats or that you'll take away their Visa card. And don't give people that vague feeling that they are not approved of.
- *Give people the right to make a wrong decision. Respect people's rights to their opinion, even if wrong. People have that God-given right.
- ***"Live as free people,** yet without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness, *but live at all times as servants of God,*" I Peter 2:16.
- *"Everything is allowable and lawful for me: but not all things are helpful and good for me to do," Paul said. He didn't use his freedom for a license to do what he wanted, but walked in love.
- *If a person's conscience doesn't accuse him, be careful before you do. If you want to please this author read Romans 14.
- *Don't even look down in your heart towards people, even your thoughts have power.
- *Major difference in who you are and what you do. Our sin nature is inherited, and it's a lifetime process of changing your soul. We are not totally delivered until He comes again, we're delivered inwardly and can have a perfect heart towards God, but the sin principle lives in us still and it's not moving. Don't

hate yourself for your faults, have faith that God will deliver you as you go through life. The more you learn of the word the more your conscience will be quickened to holiness and the more you might despise yourself, but don't live under condemnation, get changed through all the means God has given. If you've found the great treasure, dig for it.

*Are you a human being or a human doing? We struggle with things because our worth is in what we do and what we own, not in who we are. Our worth is in the shed blood of Jesus and because He made me with His very own hands. Accept God's love for you.

*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself," Mark 12:31. Do you treat your valuables carefully. Love esteems and affirms the uniqueness of the one loved. A person without the right self-esteem could think they're weird instead of unique. We think we should be like someone else, but don't compare yourself with someone else. The more unique something is the more valuable it is.

It's an ordinary baseball until Babe Ruth hits it out of the park. It's an ordinary piece of glass until they put the "Tiffany" stamp on it.

*How you are with yourself is how you're going to be with other people. We are not a big mistake.

*You have the stamp and seal of the Holy Spirit on you – that makes you special. In the spirit world that stamp can be seen. The seal won't have the strength it should have if you think you're weird and have low self-esteem. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by Whom you were sealed, marked, branded as God's own, secured, for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin)," Ephesians 4:30. Let me say something about insecurity, insecure people are hard to be friends with because their insecurity is always popping up and jealousy rises up and they're

always trying to put others down so they'll feel better about themselves.

- *Shame: there is a shame in our lives that's normal, tells us we did something wrong. There is another shame that fills people and they feel ashamed of themselves, not the deed, then that toxic shame poisons their whole system, and they take on the nature of shame. A person who takes on a shame-based nature is a person who has to be totally in control, or will get totally passive.
- *People who already feel like something is wrong with them can't stand or take correction. When shame has been internalized nothing about you is o.k., you feel flawed and inferior in every area. A perfectionist or a slob. We want to be the head of things to feel important and have self-worth.
- *Then your eyes can turn inward watching and scrutinizing every little detail of your behavior. You can be so hard on yourself that you bend with your own weaknesses. Give yourself a break. Live and let live. You can't hate yourself for every little thing that you feel.
- *This internal critical observation can have a paralyzing affect upon your personality.
- *The commandment to love yourself is not a selfish lifestyle, but liking who and what you are, and separating that from what you do.
- *You have a reason to have self-pity but not a right. Lay aside your self-pity and God will replace it with power.
- *You have to accept your personality.
- *Anger is a natural emotion. But it says to be angry and sin not. Feeling anger doesn't mean you're a bad rotten sinner. Operate in self-control and don't go around mad all the time,

or even half the time. Some people are raised where people get angry all the time and then learn to hate it so bad that now they don't know how to handle anger. You have to learn how to handle anger and other emotions that are negative.

*If you don't know how to handle anger you can respond to situations that might create conflict in a dishonest way. You may not say what you really think because then they might get mad and you don't want to face it, so you can mold yourself into what people want you to do so you don't have to deal with that.

*You can't be one person on the outside and one on the inside.

*Some people won't confront things unless everything on an even keel. Confrontation and conflict is good; that's what it takes to bring change. Some of you may feel unloving when you have to confront, but it's love *and* truth that changes things for the better. Remember, "Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby," Hebrews 12:11.

*If you're a people pleaser you'll back away from conflict even if it's right. Change almost always brings conflict, even if it's changes in you that God wants to correct.

*Some people create false worlds because they can't stand the world they're in; a daydream world. Some people get legalistic and think they're good because they're keeping the laws.

*God doesn't condemn weakness. He tells us we are that way, that our flesh is weak. God judges hearts and not what we do. If we don't have weaknesses we wouldn't need Jesus. You have to accept weaknesses until you get your earthly body. You can despise weakness in people if it's the same weakness that kept

you in bondage. People who love God have the most trouble in this because they want to do everything right for God. God doesn't want you to get depressed because you made a mistake. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Don't hate people for their weaknesses. The Holy Spirit says He will bear us up in our weaknesses. We have to strive to get stronger in every area of our life but it says, "Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are eagerly and patiently waiting for and expecting Him." So meanwhile....

Don't ever say it's too hard or you couldn't walk in constant love, because through Christ you can, and you need to start declaring 1 Corinthians 13 as a prophecy in your life. We are of God, and all things are possible through Christ, no matter how strong your childish flesh acts up, just keep going on, cast down that anger, cast down those words, confess them to someone else if necessary, and keep going forward towards love, pursue it more than a girlfriend or boyfriend, with intensity and desire. God gives you the desires of your heart.

Love is important to God even if it was only mentioned in John 3:16, but for your mental information the word *love* is in the Bible about 304 times; *loved* 97 times; *loves* 3; *loveth* 62; *loving* 3; and *lovingkindness* 30 times.

Brotherly Love (love of the brethren, you know, other Christians that you don't always like). Let's interject a paragraph about that: In 1 Thess. 4:9, "But as touching brotherly love you need not that I write to you: for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another," and then it goes on to increase more and more in love. This is serious business. The word "taught" here in the Greek is "theodidaktos," (yes your mom is a Greek scholar; like I wish), and it is used only here in the Bible. It refers to the Godteaching of divine love among Christians (Jn. 6:45). God teaches

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this by the example of giving His only Son, which He did while we were yet enemies and sinners. If God loved His enemies this much, surely we Christians can love one another. Well, can't we? I am still learning how to do this as anything worthwhile takes practice. Practice on each other and your families; they'll love you for it. It has to be taught of God as He's the only one that can do it because He understands it, we don't.

There are 16 things in the Bible we're told to love, and of course I'm prepared with many scriptures for each, but will just name them here: God, neighbors, strangers, salvation, God's name, God's word, wisdom, good, mercy, truth, peace, enemies, one another, husbands (yes, amen), wives (yes, amen), and children (those little rascals are so easy to love, and they know it).

Chapter 7

How and How Much Are We To Love?

We certainly don't want to overdo love (ha), so we should pay attention to what the word says about it: Instead of quoting all the scriptures, which are on the tip of my pen, I will pen the 'famous' one on love which hardly anyone does, but some are trying, and a few have actually done it. But all things are possible with God.

In Matthew 22:37, Jesus answered to a Pharisee lawyer who asked Him which is the greatest commandment in the law?

"Jesus said, You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all thy mind."

The second impossible one without God is in Matthew 22:38:

"And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as you do yourself."

1 John 3:18 tells there are two ways *not* to love: "not to love (merely) in theory or in speech" but to walk *in* two ways: "in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity)." In other words, talk is cheap, get going with some action.

Loving others proves we love God. Get the double-sided tape out and put the following command on the top of your shoe: "I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another. By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you love one another, if you keep on showing love among yourselves," John 13:34-35.

What Not To Love

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever, "1 John 2:15-17.

Years ago in the church we attended, we were reminded of this scripture every message and the pastor (since departed) scared us with it so we were afraid to do anything because everything was of the world, so you had to be kind of a hermit to stay out of it. It makes a lot less work for the leaders if you don't do anything or go anywhere. We had to work our way out of that thinking until we realized there are many things in the world you can enjoy without having your heart attached to it, and to do them in the name of the Lord. We were kind of inclusive, actually we were a little intimidated that we would be lost if we didn't follow the leadership. Jesse Duplantis says the Lord taught him, "Submit to authority but not control." We still loved God and He was with us, and brought us out into balance. It's a good balance to know God well enough to do what He is asking you to do and not being controlled by whatever others are telling you to do.

Most of you reading this do not realize how the old-old time church used to be. Thank God it's changing, and maybe swinging too far the other way at times. Anyway, you figure out if you love the world or the things in the world in the different areas of your life to where they interfere with God's will. It was a rough religion back in the old days at times. Now it's rough because there's so much looseness and tolerance of sin, even by the church. We did learn discipline and, my kids, you've benefited from your parents being diligent. Admit it.

The prerequisite of Christ being revealed to us is that we would come out from the world's system. This does not refer to isolating ourselves, for we are to shine in the midst of a lost and dying world. It means that we are to confront and crucify the desires and passions that the world feeds on within our own lives. If we meet this condition God then says He will receive us. Conversely (I like that word), if we do not come out, He will not receive us.

The Message Bible says, "So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good, don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself," 2 Cor. 6:17. So, it's not about forsaking the world's culture just to be in the "Christian Club"; but it's forsaking the world so you can have intimacy with Him.

Don't you feel better when you walk in love? And don't you feel upset when you have confrontation or strife with someone? There are so many blessings in walking in genuine love it makes you wonder why you don't do it all the time: It confirms that we are of the truth; it assures us of a clean heart before God; it's freedom from condemnation; it gives us faith and confidence in God; and love gives us answers to prayers. This is all in the little books of John. I hate feeling condemnation, it ruins my day until I faith my way out of it.

Hate What God Hates; Love What God Loves

The Book of Amos says: "Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you. Hate the evil, and love the good." This should be written in your hearts and minds, to hate what God hates and to love what God loves, then you're both on the same side, which is definitely to your advantage. If God hates what you're doing, what you're loving,

what you're feeling, you better repent, because He's not crossing His lines, you better scoot over to Him fast.

If you want more anointing (power) you can't tolerate what God hates. On the day Jesus was raised from the dead, the Father said to Him, "You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, Your God, has anointed You," Heb. 1:9.

Most Christians love righteousness, but Jesus wasn't anointed only for His love for righteousness, but because He loved righteousness and *hated iniquity or lawlessness*. If we learn to hate the patterns and ways of the ungodly as God does, we will see the anointing of God increase in our lives.

Leniency toward what Jesus hates isolates us from His heart and presence. So determine that you will choose to love what He loves and hate what He hates, because that's His heart and then you can be close to Him. The apostle John wrote, "Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from Him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity," (1 Jn. 2:15-17, Message).

You'll walk away from a close relationship with God if you flirt with or tolerate what Jesus died to set you free from.

Love Never Fails

If you feel you can't walk in all this we're talking about, that it's just not you, there's too many strikes against you, you love other things besides God, the world has more fun, sex is more powerful than God in my life, oh the Adversary can work on the flesh and deceive you into thinking that intimacy with God is not as fulfilling as what you desire in the world. But remember, Seek

ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you, a good satisfying life in every way. Focus on knowing God for in Him is life; in everything else there is death. He'll let you know what you can have or not have, who you can have or not have, and your life will be fulfilled. That's a promise from God, who cannot lie.

You are an overcomer (God calls you that in 1 Jn. 5:4), so you can overcome all the character defects you have, and you can do all things through Christ whose anointing strengthens you to do it. Say you can and never say you can't. Jesus said in John 16:23 that God loves you as much as He does Jesus! If you believe love never fails you can then trust in it to help solve your problems and it will help you to walk in forgiveness and kindness knowing how much God loves you and others.

In our deliverance ministry we come across the works of darkness to get it out of the way of people, and the success of removing some deep darknesses is dependent on our walking in love because 1 John 5:18 says, "We know that whosoever is born of love (God) sins not; but he that is begotten of love (God) keeps himself, and that *wicked one touches him not*." Love will protect you even if you make mistakes.

When you release love into a situation, you have released God into that situation. Then Jesus becomes responsible for its success. When you walk in forgiveness you're walking in love—and love is more powerful than all the hate Satan can muster. Love never fails. Love makes you more than a conqueror.

Faith Is Powered By Love

You'll find as you go on with God He will lead you into His works. Listen to Acts 10:38, "God anointed and consecrated Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by the power of the devil, for God was with Him." So if you have God's presence because you love what

He loves and hate what He hates, He will lead you for sure into doing good and in healing. This takes love and faith but also power. (Gal. 5:5-6):

"For we, not relying on the Law but through the *Holy Spirit's help*, by faith anticipate and wait for the blessing and good for which our righteousness and right standing with God causes us to hope. For if we are in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but *only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love."*

So faith works through the Spirit. It is powered by love. Love is the engine that propels your faith forward to do the works of God. Nothing in the kingdom of God will function in power if the law of love is violated. So to live in that supernatural, victorious realm of God's existence we must purge ourselves of discord, strife and unforgiveness. The rewards of living in agreement are more than worth the effort it takes to walk in love with one another.

I always like reading this next verse, "The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who really loves Me; and whosever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will show or manifest Myself to him. I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him, Jn. 14:21. That is a thriller statement.

"Agape" love, God's love, is a new kind of power. It makes you the master of every situation. As long as you walk in love, you cannot be hurt and you cannot fail.

Chapter 8

Beautiful Colors

A few years ago, Jack & I started experiencing something supernatural we had never heard about from another person, and haven't since. But am sure others of God's family are experiencing it: We *always* got together in early morning to pray and seek God. One morning Jack started seeing colors swirling in front of his eyes while they were closed and we were being quiet before God. He couldn't really describe them which was frustrating to me because I wanted all the details. He said they were purple and gold and beautiful. I thought it was wonderful but just something special for Jack because he was the Man.

A few months later I was sitting meditating with my eyes closed and started seeing purple and gold colors swirling in front of my eyes like molten lava in all different shapes and hues of purple and gold. The purple would swirl, then gold lava would come up and cover the purple and the swirling of the colors would form in a rolling way like coming towards you and filling all the space in front of you. The colors were intense. The purple sometimes had shades of maroon and it was like there was a sun shining in back of the colors, like from the heavenlies. (Isn't that a better description than from the Man?).

The reason I'm telling you this is to show you that God does do things abundantly above all that you would ask or think. And we needed a lot of healing yet but because we were faithful to seek God and love Him, He manifested Himself to us in this way that we didn't know was available. If I close my eyes now and think of

God for a few minutes the colors will start to come, even in the dentist's chair (praise the Lord). I don't have to be in a church or even a praying setting, I just need to sit and concentrate on God for a short while. If we're praying for someone I'll sometimes see the colors. The intensity depends on the concentration, and sometimes the colors stay longer than other times. God told us once that it was for our comfort, and God is a God of all comfort.

God says He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and believe me, He is the most interesting person you can be around, and besides, He knows everything so take advantage of that. Walking with Him is like walking through a treasure field of life.

I, Nancy, have said this verse every day for years, "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, *being rooted and grounded in love*, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and *to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge*, that you might be *filled with all the fullness of God*. Now unto Him that is above to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the *power that works in us*," Eph. 3:14-20.

Closing

So, my dear natural family: I loved each of you before you were born and after you were born every day of your life. There was not one minute that I did not love you, and even now my thoughts are filled with love for you. I would do anything for you, and no amount of work that I have done in being a mother is regretted, and I never wanted to be doing anything else. My heart melts at the thought of each one in my family. Of course we don't know now who all is going to be born into our family after we're gone (out of here), but we want you to know we love you even though we've never seen you, and will look forward to hugging you in heaven. (We'll be looking for you.) Make sure you accept Christ

as your Savior, and then love Him and serve Him despite the many obstacles.

And, to you, my dear spiritual family: I have gleaned something from every Christian I have been friends with, or even known a little: all added to my life. With all the negative, liberal, atheist, heathen in the world trying to destroy, I am grateful for every Christian, whether they're a one or a ten. Thank God you're on this earth. And who would we pray for if you didn't want to change and wanted someone to pray for you, so thanks for giving us our calling of deliverance

The B-i-b-l-e says we are "to provoke one another to love," and that's what I want this book to do. You'll never be in trouble with the law, the natural laws or the spiritual laws because Romans 13:10-11 says, "Love does no wrong to one's neighbor, it never hurts anybody. Therefore love meets all the requirements and is the fulfilling of the Law. Besides this you know what a critical hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep and rouse to reality. For salvation, final deliverance, is nearer to us now than when we first believed on Christ, the Messiah."

Time is getting short for all of us, let's not waste it, but make every minute count by walking in love. Something else to remember: Every tribulation, which is pressure, that Satan will bring your way is to get you out of the love of God. The love of God is a threat to his kingdom. People are dying while we're playing church, squabbling, walking in strife and unbelief. Put it in your mind and spirit that love is the No. 1 holy goal you should pursue.

Love you, Nancy

Extra Closing

Love is Good for Your Health:

This morning I was going to take this to the printer's. I started reading the first article on my table filled with articles, and read the following. It impressed me, and everything that impresses me I like to share.

So add this for your **health's sake.** We all struggle with infirmities or sicknesses at times, but don't always think how much not walking in love will bring in or keep those infirmities in you. Love is really healthy for your body, mind, and spirit.

The following excerpt is taken from a Kenneth Copeland tape series he had on "Love, the Royal Law of the Kingdom":



Every cell of your physical body, every molecule in this physical, material universe, every handful of dirt, every bird that flies, every fish in the sea and the sea itself – all were made by Love's WORD. Love created you. Love breathed life into you. Therefore, everything that is contrary to Love goes against your very substance. Every word of disharmony violates the way you were made. Unloving words, thoughts and actions do *violence to the very nerves and cells in your physical body*. (That's why Proverbs 14:30 describes envy as "the rottenness of the bones.")

No wonder Jesus said that love is the greatest commandment! No wonder He made it a *command* to love The LORD thy God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself!

When we strive and fuss with others, we become our own worst enemy. We actually begin to self-destruct. When we walk in love, however, we not only BLESS others, we edify ourselves.

Ephesians 6:8 says, "Whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of The LORD." In other words, every act of love, every word of kindness, every loving gesture, *enlivens us. The cells in our bodies respond to it.* Our minds respond to it. Our spirits expand on the inside of us, strengthening and preparing us to walk in the anointing we were born to carry.

When we take a step outside of love, we step out into darkness. That's where the curse is, and it's not where we, as believers, belong. We belong in the light. We are born of Light because we are born of God; and just as God is Love, God is Light.

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in The LORD: walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

That's not just theology, it's academic fact. Science has proven that light is the ultimate power of the universe. All matter has light at the center of its molecular structure. (The first thing God said at Creation was, "Light be!") That's why your physical body is electrically operated, and its battery runs on light.

Since Light is the source of our physical power, every act of darkness dims that power. Every step outside Love, who is Light, instantly affects every cell of our being. So, every discouraging word, every curse word, every unloving word that comes out of someone's mouth affects his or her body in a negative way. The Bible says, "Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." Strife is darkness, and darkness throws our whole system—spirit, soul, and body—into confusion.

I learned a few years later that it's a medically proven fact: Strife, anger, anxiety and other such emotions cause chemical reactions that, over time, are deadly. The human body is a

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veritable chemistry plant and any form of strife sends shock waves through it. The body's chemistry can get so out of balance it messes up the brain. When that happens, our perspective becomes skewed, resulting in wrong thinking.

Since we're speaking of health, every morning at Jack and my prayer time we pray Psalm 103:1-5, especially vs. 5, "that our youth be renewed like the eagle's." At this second printing, we are healthy with a full schedule. Receiving the renewing of our youth daily plays a part in that.

Anyway, still love you, and hope this book helps in your life with God.

Love again, Nancy

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- "Christ in Hell"—treasures about Christ's burial in hell after the Cross.
- "Get the Hell Out So Heaven Can Come in"—deals with deliverance from spirits and curses.
- "Victory is the Eye of Every Battle"—how to avoid battles and get through them.
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