

LOVE ON DISPLAY II

It is of the highest importance that we build our lives upon the foundation of God’s love and display love in all of our interactions.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Most of us have no problem whatsoever in saying we love God. When we think about all the wonderful ways in which He blesses us every day, His boundless love and His everlasting mercy, it’s easy to say, “Lord, I love You!”
- ❖ Then comes the hard part—the big test. Just as quickly as Jesus was ready to identify loving God as the first and greatest commandment in Mark 12, He followed up with the second commandment, which is a much sterner test of our mettle and resolve: Love *everyone* you interact with in the very same way as you love yourself (Mark 12:31).
- ❖ These questions must constantly be going through our minds: “Is what I am doing right now exactly what I would like done to me?” “Is what I am saying right now exactly what I would like said to me?” Even this: “Is the way I am *thinking* now the way I would like others to think about me?”
- ❖ We *all* need to consciously and proactively live out this command in our lives every single day. And though the task before us is both challenging and daunting, it is also conceivable and doable.
- ❖ Jesus then gave us another one-liner to help us fully activate His love initiative: “...whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12).
- ❖ Simply put:
 - I will act toward you as I want you to act toward me;
 - I will stand up for you as I want you to stand up for me;
 - I will forgive you as I want you to forgive me;
 - I will assume the best about you when I hear a negative rumour. I will not accept hearsay as fact.
- ❖ Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them....
- ❖ We keep forgetting where the Lord brought us from and the grace He has extended to us. Therefore, selfishness and “judgmentalism” rise up within us and we begin to act out of our carnal, sinful nature.
- ❖ We get off the “love-seat” the Lord wants us to sit on and try to occupy *His* “judgment seat”, which is reserved for Him alone!

KEY SCRIPTURES
Mark 12:28-31; Matthew 7:12, 18:15-17;
John 13:34-35

- ❖ If we cut ourselves accidentally or sustain an injury from someone else, we immediately seek help to get the wound or tear fixed. We clean it, disinfect it, stitch it together and bandage it. Healing for the body becomes our top priority.
- ❖ Why then would we allow our spirits to remain cut, wounded and broken for weeks, months or even years because we steadfastly refuse help and refuse to exhibit love, compassion, understanding and forgiveness to each other?
- ❖ Jesus told His disciples, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35).
- ❖ If this level of love is not on display in our interactions with each other, we are Christians in name only, without substance and without strength. We may look strong on the outside, yet be totally rotted or hollowed out on the inside.
- ❖ It is of the highest importance that we build our lives upon the foundation of God’s love.
- ❖ Let us put love on display in *all* of our interactions.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Have you ever had a terrible relationship with another person that eventually evolved into a genuine friendship or mutual respect over the course of time?
 - What steps did you have to take to help change the relationship?
 - Did your actions exemplify Matthew 7:12? In what way?
2. Conversely, did the conflict between you and another person cause the relationship to end? Using Scriptures, what are the steps that could be taken to allow the relationship to heal?







Prayer Time
Lord, help me to put love on display in all of my interactions. Help me to forgive as You forgive and to love as You love. Amen.

L.G. ice-breaker: Has anyone ever done something nice for you “ just because” that you remember to this day? How did it make you feel?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

-  (Reminds me/Confirms)  (New idea)  (Think about)
-  (Do this)  (Speaks to my heart)  (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

LET PRAYER ARISE

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/weprayatfaithsanctuary/>

PRAYER FOCUS: F. S. Families: for love, unity, health, financial blessings, worship in our homes, etc.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

February

**Please check the church bulletin board for full details of all activities appearing in the announcements section.*

TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT

With approval from Head of Department, send to announcements@faithsanctuary.com by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday (copy media@faithsanctuary.com if projection is desired).

BIBLICAL FINANCE 101: FREE ONLINE COURSE

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 15th

Course goes live: Tuesday, February 20th

Contact: Bro. Kofi Wilmot (kofi@thefaithfulsteward.org)

FS CHILDREN'S FRENCH CLUB

Date: Friday, February 16th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

If you have a child or children aged 4 to 12 who would like to join, please sign-up at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/DFFM3H7> or pick up a form in the lobby.

Contact: Sis. Jodelle Tan or Sis. Maude

FAITH OVERCOMERS GROUP

FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: Friday, February 16th

Time: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Lower Level Chapel

Contact: Sis. D. Powell

MEN'S AND LADIES' QUARTERLY MEETING

Date: Saturday, February 17th

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Please sign up at the Ushers' Desk.

Contacts: Sis. Fredericka Rainford or Bro. Paul Smith

LIFE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Date: Sunday, February 18th

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Centre

Contact: Bro. Burnie Spence

FS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Dates: Friday, March 16th – Saturday, March 17th

Times: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Friday)

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Saturday)

Cost: \$60.00 per couple (light lunch included)

Contacts: Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim Banton @ 647-244-2498

VISITATION MINISTRY

The visitation ministry is actively looking for a few committed saints who have a burden for those amongst us who are Sick and Shut In.

Having your own vehicle is a requirement for this ministry.

Contacts: Sis. Janet Wallace, Sis. Rose Roach, or Bro. Kevin White

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Share Jesus

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Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12 (NKJV)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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