



Love Him Right 2

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- The greatest love is expressed by giving up your life for a friend. In this passage of scripture, friend refers to one we consider dear or valuable to us. *John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*
- God created marriage to illustrate this kind of love. A man and woman should love each other enough to lay down their wants and desires for one another. *Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*
- Denying yourself to help others is the best expression of agape love. This type of love is God's love for us and what He displayed by giving His precious Son to die for His creation. *Mark 12:31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*



- To truly love God we must lay down our lives for Him. We cannot keep our wants and desires that conflict with His will for us. *Rom. 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
- God is not here to grant us our wishes. He is not a genie. He is here to change our desires and cause our actions to be aligned with His righteousness. *1John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*
- Our fleshly desires will lead us into sin and away from God. In order to be in Christ, we must deny these desires and lay down our wants for what He wants for us. *Rom. 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*



- Our healing, deliverance, and freedom lies within His plan for us, which requires us to deny ourselves, in order to experience it. *Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
- When we hold on to things that we shouldn't, we delay and many times forfeit the true peace that comes from God's plan. His yoke is easy and His burdens are light, but our way will always be harder. *Prov. 13:15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.*
- To truly love God we must love Him with our obedience. Practicing obedience causes Him to be pleased with us and reward us accordingly. *Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Obedience
to God is an
Expression
of our Love
for God.

So many people today claim to love God but do not love anything that is of God. They do not like His plan of the man being the head of the woman. They do not like His plan of the man providing for his family. They do not like thinking on things above, but they would rather focus on things below. They do not want to live right or free from sin, instead they desire to live sinfully. They don't like church, they don't want to respect or listen to their pastor, they do not read the Bible and they do not like being around strong believers or any kind of accountability. People like this do not love God, they love the world. If they genuinely loved God, they would love His way so much that they would try their best to forsake their own way and follow His leading.

This is the true test of love. If you are wondering whether or not you truly love God or are in Christ, then test your love for Him and His way. This will always show you what and who you really love. If your life centers around your pleasure, what you desire, how you feel and what you have, then the person you truly love is yourself and what you truly love is the world.

2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you fail to meet the test!