
The Lord God's Ekklesia

Part 11 – A People that Love God with Everything

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Love your neighbor as yourself.
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Principle #1

God's most important command for every one of us is to establish the Greatest Commandment as first and foremost in our lives, day in and day out.

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The biggest challenge and battle that you must face everyday is to love God first and foremost with everything you are and everything you have. The greatest battle we face every day, whether we know it or not, is with our own heart.

Principle #2

Truly loving God with all that you are and all that you have, can only flow from the inside-out.

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If one's will, desires, passions, affections, perceptions, and thoughts are not rightly aligned and in agreement, then loving God with all that we are and all that we have, will remain impossible.

Principle #3

True love for God is rooted in one's heart, mind, and soul; and as it begins to mature it extends to every level of one's physical being.

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Principle #4

When we truly embody and exude love for God and for others, we fulfill the entire Law of God.

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Principle #5

There are always “good people” around us that are near the Kingdom of God, who need our help in understanding that Christ is the Lord.

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Principle #6

**Genuine love for God and others
does not automatically grow nor
will it automatically increase
simply based on length of time.**

Principle #7

**Genuine love for God and others
is not something that can be
tithed.**

Mark 12:41

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.

Mark 12:42

Then a poor widow came and
dropped in two small coins.

Mark 12:43

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

Mark 12:44

For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

**Sometimes we focus so much on
what we give to God or others,
that we ignore how much we are
keeping for ourselves.**

God does not love only certain portions of us but the whole person; therefore, we are to love God with our whole selves. God does not save us by fractions, and we are not to offer to God a mere fraction of ourselves.

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