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Each One! Bless One!

You Make a Difference!

When The Messiah speaks of love we are to exercise towards one another, He speaks of "unconditional love." Give unconditional love.

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

JOHN 15:12-14 (KJ)

Unconditional love. Unconditional love means that no matter what someone does to you, says about you, get others to say or do against you, you must forgive and let go and continue to love them. That is what every Christian who follows Christ Jesus must be striving to do and become. This also means loving your enemies. "But I say unto you, 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;" Matthew 5:44 (KJ)

As of this writing, I have been in one of the most challenging situations, a life circumstance which is destined and has been allowing me to grow and see spiritually like I would not have imagined without an event like this. It has been tough though. It has been trying. Let me share this with you. My wife and two girls had me evicted out of the house for yelling at them. They having been attempting not to speak to me or spend any time in my presence for about one year and a half; maybe longer. The words and actions of my wife and children say, "We hate you."

I was sharing with my son, Marcus concerning the difficulty of this present situation. "Marcus," I said, "this is one of the most difficult situations I have been in. It is really tough. Be in prayer with me concerning this. I have forgiven my wife and children, time and time again. It is tough not to be bitter; but I am not and still love them. Be in prayer with me about the whole situation."

Here is the kicker. Marcus said to me, "Dad, listen. All those prayers you have been praying to do all kinds of things are working. You have asked to get the same anointing that Jesus had. That anointing can only come when there is "<u>unconditional love</u>." So Dad, the Lord is preparing you to receive your prayers for the anointing which Jesus had. You knew it would be tough if you gonna try to be like Jesus."

That hit me like a ton of bricks. It was like Marcus had turned a light bulb on in my life. He is right. I am attempting to get the anointing that Jesus had. I am attempting to get miracles and healing to manifest in my life for others. (Matthew 21:21) I am believing we can do what Jesus did and more but we have to grow to be more like Jesus (Emmanuel) was and is. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4 (KJ)

So mentally and spiritually I had to re-group and not be unhappy in my present circumstance. I have to not be unhappy with every aspect of my circumstance and count it all joy. (James 1:2) Not to look at my present circumstance as if it were set in "stone" is the goal. I have to believe that I am walking in victory. "I believe the victory is already won," I said to Marcus. Silence. I sensed that from one of Marcus' conversations with Elizabeth that he knew that she was not amiable to working to make her marriage work—to make her family work. Her words and actions suggested that she was more interested in its destruction. So he was silent.

Then I told him how I was learning not to tell many people eyeball to eyeball about my circumstances because people make all kinds of judgments and they also have so many negative things to say concerning me, my wife, my children, and the situation. I don't want to hear that. It is not uplifting nor encouraging, but what is worse is their words. The words coming out of their mouths, the mouths of friends can be negative instead of positive. "You are in a terrible situation." "You do not want to be with an unsupportive person." "You don't have to live life with all of that going on." "Just get on with your life." "Do not be unequally yoked." (This one directly conflicts with Jesus' Teachings. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Mark 10:9; "And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." Mark 10:12) I am a follower of Jesus. I follow Jesus Words over the rest of the Bible's words. Only Jesus can get us to Heaven and keep us there—no other human being can do that. Not even Paul.

One of the problems with what people say is "agreement." Agreement from you concerning their words which in the emotion of the moment may not sound negative at all. Be careful with what you agree to that comes out of other people's mouths. You will become a "spiritual accomplice" to those words. Not only that, you activate their negative words in your life when you agree with your friends or family member's words. "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:23

So, I became leery of speaking with so many people and I highly scrutinize my words of agreement, attempting not to agree with any negative words, feelings, or concepts coming out of the mouths of "good church folk" or "well meaning family folk." In spite of all that has happened and is happening—I still love my wife and two girls—Francesca and Olivia Allen. Jesus wants us to love unconditionally.

LOVE UNCONDITIONAL



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