



# WORD OF FAITH INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

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## How Things Work, Part 2

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### Introduction Summary

What does love have to do with your blessing? Everything! In part two of this series we will discuss the impact of the law of love in your daily life. You will see that your love walk is directly related to experiencing all God's good promises to you.

Text: Jer. 3:15

- I. All laws in scripture flow from the law of liberty, the Word (Jam. 1:21-25; Rom. 1:16).
  - A. The person who constantly hears, studies and does the Word shall be blessed.
  - B. *Perfect* means *mature*. *Liberty* means *freedom*. It's the master law.
- II. The royal law is the law of love, the law of kings (James 2:8; Rev. 1:6; 5:10).
  - A. If you don't love yourself, you will have trouble loving others.
  - B. Having respect of persons is judging outward appearance (James 2:9).
  - C. The principle can be applied when referencing race – skin color.
  - D. Skin color has nothing to do with who a person is. God will not judge you with a group.
  - E. The Black Lives Matter group only refer to black lives that fit into their group.
  - F. You will only be judged by the law of liberty (Jam. 2:10-12).
- III. You owe people love (Rom. 13:8). Love sees **everyone** as valuable and precious.
  - A. All sin is a result of not walking in love and not loving yourself (Rom. 13:9-10).
  - B. All the other laws are contained in the law of liberty and the law of love.
- IV. The definition of spiritual maturity is fulfilling the law of Christ/Love (Gal. 6:1-2).
  - A. If you have a brother/sister with a fault, help lift their burden.
  - B. Love doesn't condemn; love helps.
- V. I was trained in ministry by Kenneth E. Hagin. He was more a man of love than faith (Gal. 5:6).
  - A. The word *worketh* (Gk.: *energia*) means *activated*. Faith is activated by love.
  - B. We want to learn to walk in faith so we can help those who need help.
  - C. The more you walk in love, the easier it is to walk in faith.
  - D. If you struggle with your faith, you have a struggle with someone.
- VI. You are not a victim looking for somebody to help you because of your race (Gal. 5:14).
  - A. Don't look to the arm of the flesh for your help. Look to God for your help.
  - B. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream was that his children would be judged by the content of their character not the color of their skin.

- VII. 1 Cor. 13 starts off by saying that a person is nothing without love.
- A. 1 Cor. 13:4: Love is not Hollywood's idea of driving off into the sunset.
  - B. If you're not ready to serve, you're not ready to be married.
  - C. 1 Cor. 13:5: It takes very little to provoke some people; that shouldn't be with Christians.
  - D. 1 Cor. 13:7: *Beareth* means *to cover with silence*.
  - E. 1 Cor. 13:5: Love thinks no evil. Love thinks the best first, not the worse first.
  - F. You may not always say things right the first time; neither do others.
  - G. 1 Cor. 13:8: Love works every time, because it is a law.
  - H. 1 Cor. 13:13: The Greek word for *greater* is *larger*. Hope is a force in your life. Faith is a force in your life. The greatest of all is the force of love. That makes you just like God.
  - I. God is love (1 John 4:8). God loves you (John 3:16).

VIII. Faith is activated by love.

- A. When WOFICC was about a year old, we were in a storefront on 8-mile road in Detroit. While we were in the process of believing God for a new church building my assistant pastor told me he wants to start his own ministry. I said okay. I'll support it. Let's just wait until this building drive is complete. He said no. He left and took more than half the church with him. He left me holding the bag. I was not feeling the love of God.
- B. Although we needed \$30,000 to close on our new building, the Lord told me to receive an offering for him, take it to him, hug him and tell him that I love him. Before I thought about it I said, "Lord, you've gone too far." I received the offering, one of the biggest offerings I've ever received. I went to him. He was a good friend of mine. When I saw him across the room, my fists balled up. The Lord said, go on. I felt no power from God, but I am obeying Him. I thought once I gave him the check, he would respond nicely. But, he took the check and put it in his pocket and didn't say a word. I thought, no you didn't! The Holy Ghost said, finish what I told you to do. I hugged him and told him I loved him. It was not easy, but I did it.
- C. Later, we came down to the morning of the closing and we didn't have the money. I got a phone call from someone that said he wanted to see me. When he arrived, he told me the Lord told him to write me a check for whatever amount I needed. He wrote the check. I and the church treasurer went to the closing with the check for \$30,000. When we left that meeting, we praised God!!
- D. The Lord said to me, "If you hadn't walked in love with the assistant pastor that did you wrong, I could not have done this." Walking in love releases God's power to work in your behalf. Walking in love always works. Love never fails.
- E. I've been rubbing that story in the devil's face for 40 years! Today we're reaching people across America, in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. It could have collapsed if I had not walked in love. To God be all the glory!

### Closing Summary

Love has everything to do with receiving God's blessing. Decide today to let love abound in you. Let it grow stronger within you every day. When you do, you will live in all the blessings of God.