



All we need is love

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1. Love is God and God is love

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

Love is seeing the potential in another

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2. Love never fails

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love must be a possession of ours in all circumstances or else we are nothing

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Ephesians 4:15

Love brings truth and therefore freedom to those who desire it

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1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears

Love never fails because it is eternal

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3. Love is the oil that keeps the Kingdom moving forward



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Above the line

Love

20% time given

Kingdom absolutes, Proceeding word

Pastor as Father

Heart connection, building trust & relationship

Love never fails

Unconditional love, open relationship, continuing dialogue

I Peter 4:8;
Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a
multitude of sins

Below the line

Structure

80% time given

Vision, goals,

Pastor as CEO

Policies, PRDs, departments,
programs, administration

Gifting: prophecy, tongues, knowledge

Standards, quality control,
performance, leadership

Mistakes, sin, correction, Discipline,
accountability

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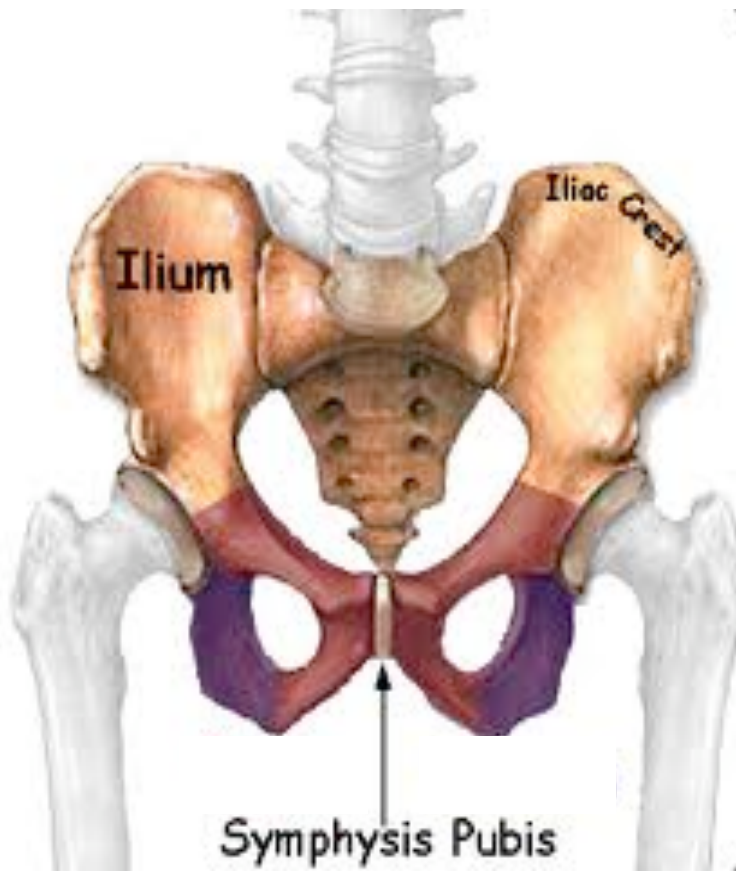
1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

**Operating wisely
within our God given grace
protects us from confusion,
offense and burn out**

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4. Love is the shock absorber in relationships



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a) Love your partner

Show her you know her. Show him you respect him.

b) Love your family

Luke 9:61-62

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Loyalty
is loving even when you disagree

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c) Love your Kingdom brothers and sisters

John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 4:19-20

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

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d) Love your enemies

Matthew 5:43-44

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

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5. Love is the bond between leaders (shepherds) and followers (sheep)

John 21:16

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

- ✓ **A Hirelings run when the wolf attacks**
- ✓ **A Stranger seeks only to steal, kill and destroy**
- ✓ **A Shepherd fights a thankless fight at the gate for our life.**

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John 10:16

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

- ✓ **The ability to hear the shepherds voice qualifies you as a sheep.**
- ✓ **Everything will come to us through our shepherds voice.**

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6. Love rouses warriors and nations

**‘The face that
launched a 1000 ships’**



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1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out all fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

- ✓ **Love casts away fear and gives us the courage to move forward**
- ✓ **Love rouses warriors & nations to war**

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7. God's pure love forms new creations

2 Corinthians 5:14, 17

For Christ's love controls us...

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- A. Love for us = sent Jesus**
- B. Love in us = recreates us, born again**
- C. Love through us = changes world around us because love is all we need, it never fails**