



## “God Power is Love Power”

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**Texts: I Corinthians 13:1-13, I John 4:7-12, 16-21, I John 3:11-16, Romans 12:9-10, Ephesians 3:17-20**

The most powerful force in all creation, natural existence and life, and in God’s eternal spiritual, never ceasing eternity realm is God’s Love. God is actually Love and Love is actually God.

This Love being referred to comes from the original Greek word Agape and is in a category of its own in comparison to all forms of love; charity; the love of God for man and of man for God. Agape embraces a universal unconditional love that transcends, that **serves** regardless of circumstance. This type of love is always, and never ceases.

Nothing can out do, out be, or out last God’s divine Agape love. To operate in, through, and by it means to operate, through, and by God because as stated God is love, and love is God. To operate in Love is to operate in all His unlimited divine power and ability. In fact God’s Love when in operation is the expression of His unlimited expansiveness.

In these next verses found in I Corinthians Chapter 13 we can see how unlimitedly powerful God’s love is and how it out powers all other spiritual gifts and abilities.

**I Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with**

**the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.**

**2: And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.**

**3: And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.**

God’s divine love out does every form and way of giving.

**4: Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**

**5: Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;**

**6: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;**

**7: Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.**

**God Power is Love Power** and puts up with and tolerates everything: even the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

Notice that love or charity is the greatest force that exist.

**13: And now abideth faith, hope, charity,**

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these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

**God Power is Love Power** and never hates, envies, hurts, or withholds good from anyone.

**I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**

**15: Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.**

**16: Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

God’s divine love gives you the power and ability to make sacrifices for the benefit of others and not complain. Even God made the ultimate sacrifice with His only son Jesus, who died that we could be saved, live, and have eternal life. In fact when we express sacrificial love toward others we are acting like God and operating like God because **God Power is Love Power**.

We can’t even say we have God if we don’t produce and operate in His Love Power.

**I John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one**

**that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

**8: He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

**God Power is Love Power** and when you are operating in it your love desires to see souls saved, and delivered from sin and destruction. You also do all you can to serve in the house of God, the local church, and help the church reach and win souls to the kingdom. You are willing to be a faithful servant which causes you to be rewarded by God. Look at what David says God does to the faithful who operate in God Power which is Love Power, or the divine supernatural power of God demonstrated through love and concern for lost souls.

**Psalms 31:23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.**

**Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?**

**43: Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

The so doing means serving in the ministry of

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the local church vision in a way that helps reach and win more souls to the kingdom and people to the church and vision.

**44: Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.**

**45: But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;**

This just simply means sitting in the church and not serving in a way to help reach lost people.

Luke 12 continued

**46: The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**

Not serving in God’s power of love enough to sacrifice and faithfully serve in the local church vision to help win souls causes you to end up with the unbelievers and reap the same punishment they get.

**47: And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be**

**beaten with many stripes.**

**48: But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.**

**Matthew 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.**

**44: 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;**

**46: For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?**

**Romans 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**

**10: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;**

**I Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

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**God’s divine love is unselfish like Jesus was unselfish.**

**Philippians 2:1** If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

**2:** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

**3:** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

**4:** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

**5:** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

When you operate in the mind of Christ you are merciful, humble, and more concerned about others than yourself. You also walk in constant forgiveness, kindness, humbleness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance, and peace especially in your marriage.

**Colossians 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**13:** Forbearing one another, and

**forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

**14:** And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

When we look closely at the Apostle Paul’s teaching to the married Christians he seemed to put emphasis on the husbands loving their wives as if the husbands had difficulty doing so, and emphasis on the wives submitting as if they had difficulty doing so.

**Ephesians 5:22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

**23:** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

**24:** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

**25:** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

In other words husbands are to sacrifice themselves for their wife in love.

**28:** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

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**29: For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:**

**31: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**

**32: This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

**33: Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.**

Please note that reverence comes from the Greek word fob-e-ho and means: to be in awe of, be afraid of, fear, to honour.

**Colossians 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.**

**19: Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.**

The How To's of **God Power is Love Power** Are the things you must do to walk in divine love and minister to people and situations the way Jesus would do. Remember our life should demonstrate the Life of Jesus as He is according to II Corinthians 4:10-11, and I John 4:17.

### **1. Be in a forgiving mode before you have to forgive.**

Love forgives in advance so it's automatically released from you as soon as a circumstance you encounter presents itself. True divine unlimited God love has the divine power to be working and available around the clock. When needed there is absolutely no strain or struggle in doing so.

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God's divine love forgives just like Jesus forgives always and all the time when one humbly and sincerely ask for it. See also I John 1:8-10.

**14: And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.**

A special note worthy of attention is that to fail to forgive causes you to void out or nullify your own forgiveness.

**Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying,**

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**forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**

**26: But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.**

### **2. Never let what other people do or don't do, say or don't say interfere with how you love.**

You are never held responsible for the actions or treatment you receive from others, but only for what you do or say to them. Make sure you are operating in **God Power is Love Power** since God's divine power is his divine love.

**I Peter 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.**

**20: For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.**

**21: For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

**Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.**

**17: Recompense to no man evil for evil.**

**Provide things honest in the sight of all men.**

**19: Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.**

**21: Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

### **3. Accept imperfections in other people like you accept imperfections in yourself.**

You don't give up on you, kick you to the curb, or condemn yourself to a sentence of never being able to improve, so don't do that to others. Don't judge and condemn another and you haven't judged yourself.

**Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.**

**2: For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.**

**3: And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?**

**4: Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?**

**5: Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou**

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**see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.**

### **4. Just don't stop loving**

God never stops loving us no matter how dysfunctional we become. We are made in His image, and are as He is according to Genesis 1:26, and I John 4:17. Therefore we should never stop demonstrating God's divine love which is the source of His divine power. When we stop loving we also stop our faith from working because it works by love.

**Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.**

### **5. Keep your attitude right**

When your attitude is negative it's hard to see the good in people and easy to see the bad. A negative attitude causes you to be critical of others and blind to your own imperfections. The devil loves for you to not see your own faults because it enables him to play with your mind about the faults of others. To maintain a good positive attitude you need God's peace and joy. See Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:4-9, Nehemiah 8:10, and Psalm 68:3.

### **6. Expect challenges and rejection of**

### **your love efforts.**

So few people understand and relate to God's divine unlimited love so some may reject your efforts to offer it because of ignorance. Don't allow their rejection to discourage you and your actions of love.

### **7. Follow and emulate someone who is a good example of operating in God's divine love.**

Locate people who have longevity in loving and study their actions and behavior patterns. Why reinvent the wheel when you can follow the example in someone of **God Power is Love Power.**

**I Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.**

**I Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;  
3: Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.**

### **8. Have a "I can fix it" mentality**

You must be of the mindset that with and through the power of God's love you can fix dysfunction. You must believe that since love

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covers a multitude of sins you can cover peoples dysfunction and imperfections.

I Peter 4:8 Amplified:

**Above all things have intense and unending love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins [forgiveness and disregards the offenses of others]**

### **9. Stop expecting others to love you first**

God loved so we should love. God loved us first so we should love others first.

### **10. You must have a root system.**

**Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

**18: May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;**

**19: And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

**20: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

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