

Planting Some P's of Love

Introduction:

SPRING IS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER".

WITH THE RECENT RAIN, THERE IS OPTIMISM FOR GARDENERS.

WHAT ABOUT PLANTING SOME LOVE P'S?

I. PRIORITY OF LOVE - [1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3](#) - WITHOUT LOVE:

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.

A. WHATEVER I SAY IS INEFFECTIVE - V 1

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.

B. WHATEVER I KNOW IS INCOMPLETE - V 2A

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.

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I JOHN 4:7,8

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Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

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He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

C. WHATEVER I BELIEVE IS INSUFFICIENT - V 2B:

1. James 2:19

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Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

2. Galatians 5:6

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

D. WHATEVER I GIVE IS INSIGNIFICANT - V 3A:

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.

1. Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and Sapphira

1

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

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And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4

Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

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And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

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And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

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And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

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Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

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Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

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And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

2. You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.

E. WHATEVER I ACCOMPLISH IS INADEQUATE - V 3B.

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.

II. PRACTICE OF LOVE - [1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7](#):

4

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

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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;

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Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

A. LOVE REQUIRES ME TO BE LONGSUFFERING AND KIND - V 4

4

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

B. LOVE REQUIRES ME TO BE HUMBLE - V 4

4

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

C. LOVE REQUIRES ME TO BE OBEDIENT - V 5

5

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

D. LOVE REQUIRES ME TO RESIST SIN / RELIGIOUS ERROR - 6A

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Rejoiceth not in iniquity,...

E. LOVE REQUIRES ME TO LOVE THE TRUTH - V 6B:

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...but rejoiceth in the truth;

1. [John 17:17](#)

17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

2. [II John 1-4](#)

1

The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

2

For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

3

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

3. [II Thessalonians 2:10-12](#)

10

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

4. I Timothy 4:1-5

1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3

Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4

For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5

For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

III. PERMANENCE OF LOVE

I CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

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Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

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For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

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But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

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When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

A. LOVE NEVER FAILS - V 8:

8

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1. Never falls from its position, never without effect

2. [Psalm 136:1](#)

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O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

B. HEAVEN IS AN ETERNAL HOME CREATED IN LOVE:

1. [John 14:1-3](#)

1

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

2. [Revelation 21:1-7](#)

1

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4

And [God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes](#); and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Isa 25:8

5

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

3. Revelation 22:1-5

1

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

C. EPHESIANS 4:1-3

1

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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D. ROMANS 12:10-16

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

11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Prov 3:7

E. I CORINTHIANS 12:25-27

25

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

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Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

IV. PROOF OF LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP IS OBEDIENCE:

A. ROMANS 8:14-16

14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

B. I JOHN 5:3

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For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

C. JOHN 14:15

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If ye love me, keep my commandments.

D. JOHN 13:34,35

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A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

E. I JOHN 3:10-16

10

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12

Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

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.