

DEVELOPING FAITH IN GOD'S LOVE – PART 2

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DAY 1 – DEVELOP TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND HIS LOVE

God's love will take care of you! His very name is Love, and He gladly offers knowledge of Himself to you when you ask. Our primary responsibility and delight is to seek Him, and as we do, we are blessed.

STUDY IT

- I. God's love will take care of you.
 - God is Love. If you don't know love, you can't know God (1 John 4:8).
 - Trust God's love through troubles, tests, temptations and trials, and you will develop patience, endurance and stability (James 1:2-4).
 - Be assured that God is for you, not against you.
 - God's WORD tells us what the fruit of the spirit, or the results of our life in the love of God, will produce (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - Faith and patience (longsuffering) go together. Don't become discouraged, and stop believing and speaking before faith can bring what you are believing to completion.
 - God will meet your needs **and** your wants (James 1:4).
 - Continue to develop in knowing and believing in God's love for you (1 John 4:16).
- II. Knowledge of God and His wisdom are yours for the asking.
 - God desires for you to have full knowledge and understanding of His will (Colossians 1:9).
 - God wants us to know His plans and follow His directions. Find out God's plan and follow it, because His plan is already blessed!
- III. God's Name is Love.
 - Our whole focus should be to develop and to renew our minds to God's ways, and to have faith in the love of God.
 - God is unconditional, giving Love; and unconditional, giving Love is God.
 - We need our minds completely renovated, transformed and renewed, so that every time we hear the Name *God*, we think *Love*.
 - The English word *God* comes from the German word *good*, because God is good.
 - God has a Name in the Bible—it's *Jehovah*. In the *King James Version* of the Bible, *Jehovah* is translated LORD, indicating that it is the Name of God.



- Another Name used for God is *Yahweh Ropheka*, or *Jehovah Rapha*—God is our Healer (Exodus 15:26, *Names of God Bible*).
 - If healing was no longer available, then God would have to change His Name, because God/Love heals.
- Sadly, God's Name has become a slang word. And, the word *Love* is also misused as slang. "I love apple pie," or "I love my car." We can *like* things, but we *love* God, and we love what He loves.
 - Actually, it's blasphemy to use God's Names, such as *God*, or *my LORD*, or *Love* as slang.
 - The devil is a legalist, and he will not allow your slang to go unnoticed. He will accuse you to God based on your every word.

IV. Our primary responsibility and delight is to seek God, and as we do, we are blessed.

- Let God's love transform the way you think.
- Don't love and seek the world and its money (1 John 2:15).
- Just because you have money, don't think you're better than anyone else. Be ready and willing to give to others in addition to tithing (1 Timothy 6:17).
- Seek God first and His ways, and everything in Him will be yours (Matthew 6:33).
- God's blessings become yours when you're obedient to His WORD.
- There is no fear in love. Fear brings torment. Satan is the tormentor. God doesn't want you to be tormented. Without fear, there's nothing for satan to use to torment you with (1 John 4:16-18)!
- Stay focused, never give up, and you will see God's goodness in your life.

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:8-11; Romans 12:1-2

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write your testimony of how God has met your needs *and* desires.





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DAY 2 – PRACTICE THE COMMITMENT TO LOVE

God, who is Love, is good, and He cannot work evil. He gives us commandments in order to bless us. God reveals His love for you through the covenant promises in His WORD. Our decision to love Him and to love others is a choice of our will, not our feelings, and must be practiced.

STUDY IT

- I. God, who is Love, is good.
 - God is good, because He is Love.
 - God is extraordinarily patient and disposed to show favors (Psalm 145:8, *AMPC*; 2 Peter 3:9).
 - You don't really know God, if you're not loving His family (1 John 4:8).
 - God's love is inside you by the Holy Spirit, and that means you have the ability to love like God (Romans 5:5).
 - We have to make the decision to love like God and to practice loving others.
- II. Love is a decision of the will and must be practiced.
 - In the English language, *love* is used to mean all kinds of love, including feelings.
 - The working definition of the Greek word for unconditional love, *agape*, refers to the love of God.
 - God loves you because He decided to. It was a decision. It is covenant love. God gave us His WORD. If love is only on the feeling level, it has no covenant to back it up.
 - If we have known God, then we love the brethren (1 John 4:21).
 - This love does not refer to mental agreement or feelings of love, but a decision.
 - Put God first place in your life, and love Him more than anyone or anything else.
 - Since we are born of God, we love. His love is in our hearts. He has given us the ability to obey the command to love God and love other believers.
 - As we practice loving others on purpose, it becomes easier to do as a way of life.
- III. God gives you commandments so He can bless you.
 - God's intention is to bless you (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).





- The Ten Commandments and all the other commandments that go with them, plus the commandment of Jesus to love one another even as Jesus loved you are for your good (Romans 13:9-10; John 13:34).
- The whole idea of the Ten Commandments is to get you separated from evil and temptation.
 - Don't have any other god but the one true God. No one else will love and bless you like He does.
 - Don't steal. God will give you all you want and need.
 - Don't covet. God will give you all the good things that are prepared for you, including your spouse.
- If you fail to keep a commandment, God gives you a way to receive forgiveness for not keeping that commandment. He sent Jesus to bear your punishment.
 - God remembers your iniquities no more (Isaiah 43:25).
 - Grace is God's love to treat you as if sin had not happened.
- If you keep God's commandment, you will receive THE BLESSING.

IV. God cannot work evil. He reveals His love for you through the covenant promises of His WORD.

- God is not a part of any man's suffering, torment, fear or debt.
- The curse is still in the earth, but we can overpower it through the blood of Jesus.
- God reveals His love for you through the covenant promises in His WORD.
 - If you submit to the curse, you will be cursed.
 - If you submit to THE BLESSING of God, you will be blessed.
- Enjoy the goodness of God's love and learn how to actively receive from Him.

Additional scriptures: Psalm 118; 1 John 1:1; Exodus 20:1-17; Mark 12:30;
Deuteronomy 28:15, 3; Matthew 6:33; Malachi 3:8-9

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration:

I am born of God; therefore His love is within me. I choose to love God, and I choose to love His family. Because I obey Jesus' command to love others, I receive His blessings.





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DAY 3 – THE LOVE OF GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE

The love of God is on your side! He wants to pour His love on you and see you blessed. When you have faith in God/Love, the spiritual laws governing faith work on your behalf. Yielding to God's will, and trusting His love for you, open the door to faith that will move mountains!

STUDY IT

- I. The love of God is on your side. He wants to pour His love on you and see you blessed.
 - God is Love. If anyone knows God, he knows Love (1 John 4:8).
 - The word *love*, in the English language is used to indicate anything we like. We need to give God and His love honor in our words.
 - God and His love have existed from the beginning. All of God's creation was good.
 - Sickness, disease, disaster and storms came when the devil got his hands on creation.

- II. When you have faith in God's love for you, you have faith in God. When you have faith in God/Love, spiritual laws governing faith will work on your behalf.
 - Spiritual laws govern faith. One spiritual law is to purposefully live in God's love, and all His things will be added to your life (Matthew 6:33).
 - Spiritual laws were activated in the Biblical account of the tree that withered at the word of Jesus (Mark 11:12–14, 19–22).
 - You can use the same spiritual laws to cause anything to wither in your life that's not from God, but you have to use faith.
 - Jesus spoke to the tree in the morning. They walked back by the tree in the evening. It was probably not dark yet, because they needed light to see the path. They didn't notice any change in the tree. The next morning, it was withered. So, it took from 12 to 24 hours to wither. The leaves withered and the tree died. The life in the tree was stopped the moment Jesus spoke to it. The force of Jesus' faith caused the tree to wither and die.
 - Speak to the problem in your life. If you release faith on what you are saying, that thing you are praying about will change.
 - Believe that God loves you, and know He will take care of you.
 - Have faith in Love, have faith in God.





III. Have faith in God/Love. Yielding to God's will, and choosing to trust His love for you, will open the door to faith that will move mountains.

- Your will is a powerful thing that controls you.
 - God can say something in His WORD, and you can *will* to not believe it.
- Because God gave you dominion, your will is stronger than God's will in your life until you yield your will to His.
- You become strong in faith when you *will* to obey God's will, accept His will as your own will, and make your will subject to His.
- Release your faith by putting your faith in God/Love and believing and speaking God's will (Mark 11:22-24).
 - Believe in your heart that what you say—what you will according to God's will—will come to pass.
- Without love, faith does not work (Galatians 5:6).

Additional scriptures: Psalm 118; 1 John 4:16-18; Romans 13:9-10; Proverbs 3:5; John 1:1; Genesis 1:1; James 1:4

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make your declaration of faith in God's love:

*God loves me, and I love God. I **believe** God loves me. The key to my faith is that I love God, and I do what He says. Whether I feel like loving or not, I'm going to do what God and His love tell me to do. I'm just like God, and to be just like Him, I'm going to have to live my life like Him. My feelings have to submit to what God wants.*



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DAY 4 – FAITH IN GOD IS FAITH IN LOVE

When you have faith in God, you have faith in Love. Exercise your faith in God/Love by believing, speaking and forgiving. The early apostles had an understanding of how much Jesus loved them, and you can have this revelation, too!

STUDY IT

- I. When you have faith in God, you have faith in Love.
 - God is Love (1 John 4:8).
 - We are to have faith in God's love for us (1 John 4:16-18).
 - When our love is developed, we will be bold in times of trouble.
 - There is no fear in love or in us, because the love of God makes fear leave. Fear has torment and God doesn't want us to be in pain. If we are still dealing with fear, we need to continue to develop in love.
 - Tormenting fear is not a fear that comes in time of danger. This fear is the one that stays on your mind and tries to influence you all the time.
 - We try to hide from fear and the devil. We are afraid that the devil is going to attack us. We can even be afraid that God will hurt us.
 - Some people believe that God will use fear and trouble to teach patience. God doesn't have fear and doesn't use fear to teach us.
 - We are to fear God by reverencing and honoring Him, not by being afraid He will hurt us.
 - Have faith in God. Have faith in Love (Mark 11:22).
- II. Exercise you faith in God/Love by believing, speaking and forgiving.
 - You speak to the mountain, or trouble, and it must obey you.
 - You believe and speak when you pray, not when you feel it. The circumstance would have to change before you could feel differently. So believe and say, and then you will see a change.
 - Forgive so there will be no blockage to your prayers.
 - Don't hold unforgiveness against anyone; that is disobedience and will block God's BLESSING.
 - Perhaps the person you are struggling to forgive has already been punished, or may have even been born again.
 - Jesus paid for *all* sin for *all* people.



- Kenneth and Gloria have both ministered to murderers on death row, and those people received Jesus and were born again. Then, the born-again inmates began to witness to the other people on death row. Many people were saved.
- God is doing everything He can to get people into heaven with Him. He's doing everything He can to bless you, work with you and keep you.
 - If you don't forgive, you're blocking God from blessing you. Even your prayers are not effective. God's not refusing to help you; you're refusing to obey Him.

III. Live in the revelation of the love God has for you. The early apostles did, and so can you!

- Several times in the book of John, John refers to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved.
 - When Peter and John ran to see the empty tomb, John referred to himself as the one whom Jesus loved (John 20:2-8).
- Jesus trusted John, because He knew John had a revelation of His love. Jesus gave the care of His mother over to John, and John took care of her the rest of her life (John 19:25-27).
- At breakfast, Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him (John 21:15-17).
 - Jesus was talking about *agape* love. Peter lived the rest of his life knowing the true love of God.

Additional scriptures: Genesis 6:3; Romans 13:10; Mark 11:13-25; Galatians 5:6;
Luke 17:5-6; John 13:21-26, 21:4-8

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Focus on being like God and forgiving others. If you need to forgive someone, write a prayer based on 1 John 1:9 to ask God to cleanse you from the sin of unforgiveness. Then, receive His love for you and open your heart to love that person.



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DAY 5 – WALKING IN LOVE ALWAYS REAPS A REWARD

Let the love of God lead you to a higher level of faith, and develop your faith to overcome any challenge you face. Renew your mind by talking about the love of God and grow in the knowledge and understanding of God and His love. Ask God to help you walk in love with your spirit and your mind.

STUDY IT

- I. Let the love of God lead you to a higher level of faith.
 - If you have been born again, the love of God is in you (Romans 5:5).
 - God is Love, and Love is God. He has planned good things for you (1 John 4:8).
 - The love of God is perfect, and it will perfect or develop inside you (1 John 4:15).
 - There should be no poor among you, because you have a love covenant with God (Deuteronomy 15:4, *NLT*).

- II. Develop your faith in the love of God to overcome any challenge you face (Mark 11:22).
 - Challenges can bring fear. God's perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).
 - Fear brings torment. The torment is in the fear.
 - If fear is present, the tormentor, the spirit of fear, has something to connect to and can torment you.
 - Remove the fear and the torment is gone.

- III. Renew your mind by talking about the love of God.
 - If we are going to believe God's love and renew our minds to His love, according to the laws of faith, we need to start talking about His great love.
 - We need to say: "God loves me! He's commanded me to love, and I'm doing it. I'm going to love, whether I feel like it or not."

- IV. You can continue to grow in the knowledge and understanding of God and His love.
 - God's love is not a feeling, it's a Person.
 - We bow to God the Father, to the Person of Love (Ephesians 3:14-19).
 - There are levels of knowledge that come with time and training. Practice loving.
 - Be rooted and grounded in love, so you can understand the total dimensions of the love of God.

- Without a root of love, the enemy can steal the love you have (Mark 4:14-15).

- V. Ask God to help you walk in love with your spirit and your mind.
 - Pray in the spirit to increase your faith, knowledge and understanding (Jude 20-21).
 - The person who prays in tongues builds up his spirit (1 Corinthians 14:2).
 - The Holy Spirit inside you will reveal to you all the things Jesus has received from the Father (John 16:13-15).

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:15-18; Mark 11:22-25; Romans 13:10

MAKE IT PERSONAL

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APPENDIX – DAY 1

WORD FROM THE LORD

DAY 1 – DEVELOP TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND HIS LOVE

Kenneth Copeland:

"The world suffers," saith The LORD, "because of no knowledge of who I really am. I have told you time and time again I am The LORD, the God, Love, that healeth thee. I sent My WORD to heal you. I sent My Son to heal you. My whole purpose in My existence is to manifest love. I am Love. I do love. I think love. I work love. I enjoy loving you. So rejoice and understand these things and think on them and meditate on them and be willing to follow Me in this love life, and you will have more understanding, and you will have more enjoyment, and you will have a greater influence than you ever had before. And you'll come to that place that you always saw working in continuing happiness in life in this earth," saith The WORD of Love Himself, the Spirit of grace.