

**I When you see how much you've been forgiven It will affect your ability to Love**

- . **Luke 7:37-50** (NKJV) And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, {38} and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.
- . {39} Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." {40} And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it." {41} "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. {42} "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" {43} Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."
- . {44} Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. {45} "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. {46} "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.
- . {47} "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." {48} And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
- . {49} And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" {50} Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.
  
- . **Romans 8:38-39** (NKJV) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**II Not just human love but God's Love**

- . **Romans 5:5** (NKJV) Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
  
- . **2 Thessalonians 3:5** (NKJV) Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.
  
- . **Jude 1:20-21** (NKJV) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, {21} keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

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### III Things to do and one thing you MUST do

- **Deuteronomy 10:12** (NKJV) "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
- **Luke 11:42** (NKJV) "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

### IV Without Love and With Love

- **1 Corinthians 13:1-8** (NKJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging 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, but have not love, I am nothing.
- {3} And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
- {4} Love suffers long and is kind;
- love does not envy;
- love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own,
- is not provoked,
- thinks no evil;
- {6} does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- {7} bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- {8} Love never fails.
- But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

### V We don't see the whole picture

- **1 Corinthians 13:9-12** (NKJV) For we know in part and we prophesy in part. {10} But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. {11} When I was a child, I spoke 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 in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

### VI The Greatest of these

- **1 Corinthians 13:13** (NKJV) And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### VII A closing prayer

- **Jude 1:2** (NKJV) Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.