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THE ELIXIR OF LOVE

-By MO. ML 677 - January 1976



PLEASE DON'T LET ME FORGET TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE ELIXIR! It's beautiful. It's wonderful! So beautiful! So wonderful! Came down from Heaven...like rain.

<u>I CAUGHT SOME IN MY HANDS AND THEN THEY COULD</u> <u>HEAL ANYTHING!</u> My hands.--Hearts or minds or bodies or anything! They could even create gold and stop accidents and stop arguments or conflicts.

NOTHING COULD RESIST THE ELIXIR OF GOD! So beautiful! Whatever it touched it changed. But I can't remember it all, I tried and tried but I can't remember. The Elixir hit my stomach. I had a big stomach-ache and it hit it and soothed it all away.

I CAUGHT IT, IN THE PALMS OF MY HANDS and I could do almost anything with it. It did everything--it could even stop wars and bring peace!--Marvelous! Nothing like it! So wonderful! It brings life when there's death

<u>I WAS DYING AND IT REVIVED ME</u>. My throat was rattling and it healed me. Just kept pushing. I just kept pushing. Pushing it against [some people]. And it stopped them. They couldn't resist the Elixir!

NOTHING COULD RESIST THE ELIXIR, the most powerful thing in the whole world!

Maria: (Who did you push it against?)

David: The little people of the village. The little people of the village. They didn't know it. They didn't understand it.

<u>THEY THINK IT'S US</u>. Some of them like it and some of them it frightens. They're afraid. 'Cause it's so <u>powerful</u>! I tried, but I can't remember. Oh, I put it in a cup!.

IT COULD EVEN STOP THE WIND!--Big cyclone it even stopped. So powerful! I just bathed my hands in it and my hands could do anything--heal people, anything! Even stop the wind!

Maria: But when it was all used up, how did you get more?

David: It didn't. Once my hands were akk bathed in it, it didn't wear off.

THE ELIXIR CAN DO ANYTHING! It's like <u>love</u>--the power of <u>love</u>! Like <u>nothing</u> can resist it. It's wonderful! So beautiful, so wonderful! Whatever it touched it changed. It changed <u>everything</u>. Oh, it's so beautiful! Never saw anything like it!

Maria: And you can give it to whomever you want to?

David: Uh huh!--Whoever wants it. Whoever receives it. But it doesn't do anything for people who don't want it. So beautiful! Never saw anything like it! Thank You Jesus! Oh, thank you Jesus! Makes me feel so good! It's just wonderful!

<u>TURNED EVERYTHING, CHANGED EVERYTHING...</u> Healed every disease, cleansed every stain. It's all-powerful!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CATCH IT AND WASH YOUR HANDS IN IT AND IT'LL DO ANYTHING.--Anything! Can push anything. It even stops accidents! You pour it on the front of vehicles and they can't run into anything.

<u>IT'S MARVELOUS! IT'S WONDERFUL!</u> You don't know how wonderful it is! Don't make me cry. I want to go to sleep.

Maria: Why are you crying?

David: 'Cause it's so wonderful, so beautiful! Thank you Jesus!

Maria: How can you get it?

David: Just catch it, receive it. Why won't they listen?

WHY DON'T THEY WANT ANY WHEN IT CAN DO SO MUCH FOR THEM? Those people. Those people who don't want it. Those bad people.

Maria: Did you offer it to them?

David: Of course. But they just pound on it and pound on it. So it goes away.

Maria: thought it was on your hands.

David: It's everywhere. All kinds of places--on lots of people's hands that love Jesus. The others don't like it. Wherever they see it they pound on it. It flows.

It heals anything, mends anything, creates anything--it's all-powerful.

<u>IT EVEN CREATES LIFE!</u> The power of God, of course. The power of God and His Love. It can even fix watches that stop.

Maria: Where do you use it?

David: All the time, whenever somebody needs it. Oh, it's so wonderful!

Can't you see it rolling along?

<u>IT JUST ROLLS OVER EVERYTHING LIKE A FLOOD!</u> You can even shorten time! It can shorten time and space. Whatever you need.

Maria: have you used it to stop accidents?

David: Yes. We poured it on the bumpers and it didn't bump anymore.

<u>I TRIED SO HARD TO POUR IT OVER [somebody], BUT HE DIDN'T WANT IT.</u>

IT CAN TRANSPORT YOU THROUGH TIME AND SPACE. Once you have it, you can go anywhere in the spirit. It's wonderful! You know that? I've got it. You have it.

Maria: Do you use it a lot?

David: I use it as much as I can.

<u>I'VE CHANGED A LOT OF PEOPLE--LOTS OF THINGS</u>. Don't you remember? And I've taken lots of trips. And it's created lots of money, lots of new life and lots of new people and healed lots of minds and hearts and bodies and hands and heads and <u>everything</u>! you know that.

Maria: Ha you stopped the wind?

David: You can stop it any time. Just put up your hand. So wonderful.

Anyone that has the <u>Elixir</u> can give them all the <u>net</u>.

Maria: What's the <u>net</u>? David: The Elixir net.

Maria: What's an Elixir net?

David: The one you catch with, with your hands! What's the matter with us that we don't do more?... the Elixir saves me every time.

SEEMS LIKE I SAW IT MORE LIKE A GENTLE MIST ROLLING ALONG--LIKE A CLOUD. It's gentle, but nothing can stop it. Just like a mist or cloud does--you can't resist it. I saw all these things happening, putting pieces back together and mending things.

IT MUST MEAN YOU CAN POUR THE SPIRIT OF GOD ON THE BUMPERS BY PRAYER. ... this makes more sense--being covered by His Spirit.

<u>I'M SURE THE LORD HAS PREVENTED A LOT OF ACCIDENTS</u>. That coming down like rain is like an outpouring of His Spirit. That's all the things that His Spirit does or can do. The <u>Spirit</u> is <u>Love</u>! It's <u>God</u>, and God <u>is</u> Love!

Do <u>you</u> have His <u>Elixir of Love</u>?!--It can do <u>miracles</u>! Would <u>you</u> like some?--There's lots more where this came from!--Write to us!

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WORLD CONQUEST!--THRU' LOVE!

By MO. ML 151 – January 1972



44. THE PRAYERFUL SELECTION OF ALL THESE TEAMS SHOULD BEGIN AT ONCE. The most likely candidates should be encouraged to volunteer and be chosen for their proven, self sacrificial love for the lost; their very close spiritual link with the Lord; their tested ability to be led by Him in major decisions in the absence of any other leadership; their proven leadership

ability in having a loving concern for their under-shepherds and sheep; an ability to get along with them and lead them aright; as well as to win souls.

- 45. THE LEADERS OF THESE TEAMS MUST ALSO HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF WISDOM and common sense about the practical affairs of transportation, Government relationships, good public relations, good business sense and good management ability in caring for his flock in the everyday things of life, as well as teaching and spiritual leadership. He must certainly have also studied up as much as possible on a thorough preliminary knowledge of his prospective field and its people and the conditions to expect there in order that he might be prepared for them, including a usable knowledge of their language and a familiarity with their customs, religions, taboos, laws, practices, attitudes towards his nationality, etc., as much as possible, God Willing.
- 46. LET ME EMPHASIS HERE THE PRE-EMINENT REQUISITE FOR ANY SUCH TEAM-OR FOR ANY TEAM, FOR THAT MATTER--OR FOR ANYONE IN THE REVOLUTION--must be the same driving passion which motivated the Apostle Paul and all the Apostles and all the martyrs and every great man or woman of God--in fact, that irresistible compassion which should motivate every Child of God in everything they do, everything you say, everywhere you go, with everybody, and which that great fanatical Apostle summed up in these few famous and ringing words which have cried out from the heart of every true Christian in every true good deed he has ever done, and for which indeed he is willing to die: "THE LOVE OF CHRIST constraineth us!" (2Cor.5:14)
- 47. "FOR GOD IS LOVE!" Beloved, let us LOVE ONE ANOTHER: for Love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love. In this was manifested the Love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to LOVE ONE ANOTHER. ... (1Jn.4:7-11)
- 48. "**IF WE LOVE** one another, God dwelleth in us and His Love is perfected in us ... and we have known and believed the Love that God hath to us. God **is** Love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect ... because as He is, so are we in this world. ... We love Him because He first loved us ... and this commandment have we from Him, That

he who loveth God love his brother also. ... By this we know that we love the Children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments." "This **is** My commandment, That ye **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**, as I have loved you." (1Jn.4:12,16,17,20,21; 5:12; Jn.15:12)

- 49. "FOR GOD SO LOVED the world that He gave His only begotten Son," and "God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "Hereby perceive we the Love of God: because He laid down His life for us, we ought to LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN." "Greater love hath no man than this, than a man LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." "LOVE ONE ANOTHER as I have loved you, ... By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples." "Behold what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" (Jn.3:16; Ro.5:8; JJn.3:16; Jn.13:34,35; JJn.3:1)
- 50. "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE", "because the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. ... This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." "For ALL THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, EVEN THIS: THOU SHALT LOVE." "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith," but it is "faith which worketh; by LOVE." Therefore "we are more than conquerors through Him that loved!"--For "the greatest of these is LOVE!"--"LOVEST thou Me? ... FEED My Sheep!"--"And His banner over me was LOVE"! Win with LOVE! (Gal.5:22; Ro.5:5; Mt.22:37-40; Gal.5:14; 1Jn.5:4; Gal.5:6; Ro.8:37; 1Cor.13:13; Jn.21:15-17; SOS.2:4)
- 51. IF YOU CAN'T EVEN LOVE YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER, YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE, YOUR LEADER OR FOLLOWER, OR YOUR MOTHER OR FATHER WHOM YE HAVE SEEN, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO LOVE GOD OR HIS HEATHEN CHILDREN WHOM YE HAVE NOT SEEN?--Especially when his looks, language, and customs will be so different from yours! If you can't win souls here, you're certainly not going to be able to win them in some other country under even more difficult conditions! JUST TRANSPORTING YOU ACROSS THE OCEAN IS NOT GOING TO MAKE A MISSIONARY OF YOU if you can't love the folks in your own back yard, and just sending you to some foreign country is not going to make a leader out of you if you had no concern for your neighbour at home, and no tender loving care for the sheep of your former fold! (1Jn.4:20)

52. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE A MISSIONARY UNLESS YOU LOVE THEM ENOUGH TO DIE FOR THEM.

"Ah, sweet mystery of life, at last I have found thee!

Ah, at last I've found the reason for it all!

Ah, 'TIS LOVE AND LOVE ALONE THE WHOLE WORLD YEARNS FOR!

And 'tis love that bids them heed Thy call!"

Hallelujah! Love conquers all, and to win some, you must be winsome and willing to become all things to all men that ye might win some. Love loves the unlovely and casts a veil over countless sins! **Love prefers the happiness of others to your own.** It's hard for you to see anything good in someone you don't love, but if your really love someone, it's much easier to overlook and forgive their faults. (1Cor.9:22; Pr.10:12)

- 53. MAYBE THIS IS WHAT'S WRONG WITH SOME OF YOUR MARRIAGES!--You don't really love each other.--And if you don't, you don't have the Love of God because His Love can love anybody, even your enemies! Love begets love, and we love Him because He first loved us! Ask God to help you love them with His Love which passeth all understanding! Love is not blind.-It has an extra spiritual eye which sees the good and possibilities that others cannot see! Ask God for His Love for each other, or you'll never make it--as a marriage or a missionary! Only the Love of Christ can constrain you! (Mt.5:44; 1Jn.4:19; Phil.4:7; 2Cor.5:14)
- 54. ONLY GOD'S LOVE WILL MAKE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE IT--CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of Glory! Then you can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you! But if you have any other motive, you'll fail!--You'll fail your leaders, you'll fail your followers--and you'll fail the Lord! BUT LOVE NEVER FAILS!--"But whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away"--But "love never fails!" Do you want to be successful for the Lord and with others?--Love, and you can't lose--for love never fails! Do you want the key to every heart?--Try love!--It never fails, because God is Love, and it's impossible for Him to fail! (Col.1:27; Phil.4:13; 1Cor.13:8)
- 55. IF YOU GO IN GOD'S LOVE, YOU CANNOT HELP BUT WIN THEM, AS SO MANY OF YOU ALREADY HAVE. You have already found out that GOD'S LOVE IS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING: It saves souls,

forgives sins, satisfies hearts, purifies minds, redeems bodies, wins friends, and makes life worth living. It's the only Truth, the only Way, and the only Peace! **LOVE worketh no ill to his neighbour:** you'll not curse him, cheat him, steal from him, or lie to him, if you love him--much less hurt him! You also won't run up his telephone bill--or give him hep, VD, or Hongkong flu by kissing him on the mouth when you're sick! Love even prevents accidents! I gave a safety lecture in college once on how that most traffic accidents are caused by a **lack of love**, and consideration for the other guy, believe it or not. So not only wars, but slaughter on the highways is caused by pride, selfishness, and lack of love. So a lot of our recent troubles with parents, backsliders, and our recent rash of disease and accidents have undoubtedly been caused by lack of love and the consequent breaking of His Commandments--for **IF YOU LOVE HIM, YOU'LL OBEY HIM** and avoid these! (Ja.4:1; Jn.14:15,23)

56. SO THE ONLY WAY TO WIN THE WORLD, THE YOUTH OF THIS GENERATION, IS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS!--Which we're doing and showing as we're going, and WE'LL KEEP ON WINNING IF WE KEEP ON LOVING them with His Love, Praise the Lord. So make each new step to each new country a loving step, and let each new leader be a loving leader, and each new Colony a loving one!--And we cannot fail. Praise His Name! For LOVE NEVER FAILS! Let's win the world with His Love! LOVE your way in, through, out and around it!--LONG LIVE LOVE!

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THE LAW OF LOVE DEALS WITH VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES

—our physical lives, our spiritual lives, our daily interaction with others, our ministries and much more. This is an important and fundamental tenet* of our faith.

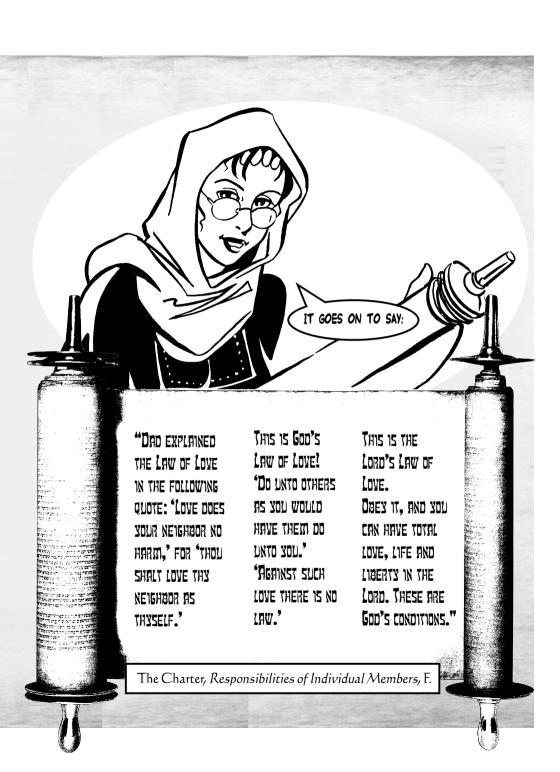
The Law of Love is the loving principle that governs **all** our daily activities. (See also *Word Basics*, p.248, Law of Christ.)

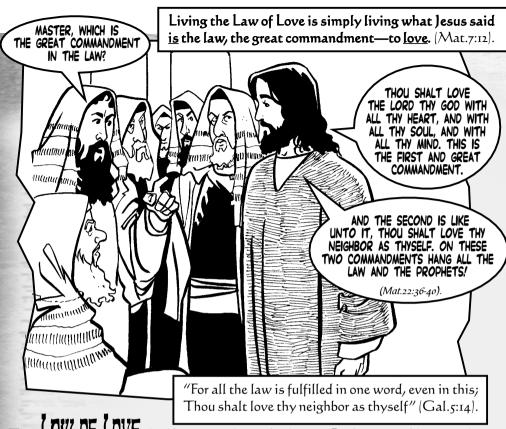
So the Law of Love is the Godly principle by which our *entire* lives, as Christians, should be governed. Jesus summed it up very simply in the famous "Golden Rule," giving us the key to our relationships with others:



Ideally, this loving principle should guide **all** of our actions with others. $[ML \#_{2858:2}].$

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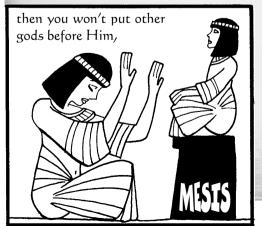


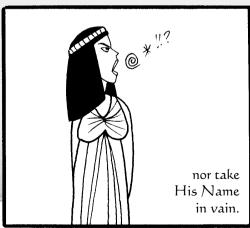


This LAW OF LOVE that Jesus proclaimed—loving God first, and loving others as yourself—fulfills all the other Biblical law.

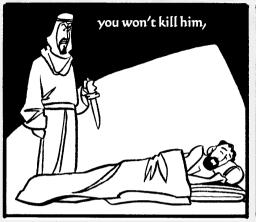
It means that we are free from all the old Biblical law.

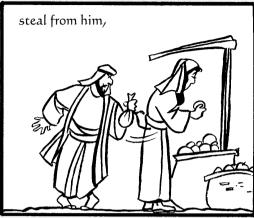
For example, if you LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL AND MIND,





IF YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,









The **reason** you won't do these things is because of **love**.

You don't need the Biblical law to keep you from doing these things; you simply refrain from doing them because to do them would be unloving.

I want to make sure you understand the point that when we talk about living the Law of Love, we're talking about loving your brothers and sisters and putting that love into tangible, everyday action.

lt's about sacrificial living, giving of yourself to others, helping those in need, living in unity, and bearing one another's burdens. (Jesus speaking:)

The LAW OF LOVE is simply loving others unselfishly, without regard for self.

For in this unselfishness and in this life of sacrificial giving and loving, you not only allow yourselves to help many others, but you allow Me to pour out My blessings upon you.

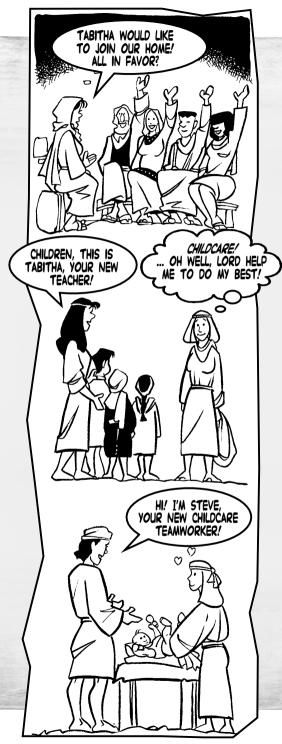
For I bless the unselfish and the sacrificial.

I bless those who are humble, and I withdraw some of My blessings from those who insist on their own way.

Therefore, by your choosing this unselfish and sacrificial mode of living, which is called the LAW OF LOVE, you have opened yourselves up to great happiness from Me, and My blessing upon your lives.

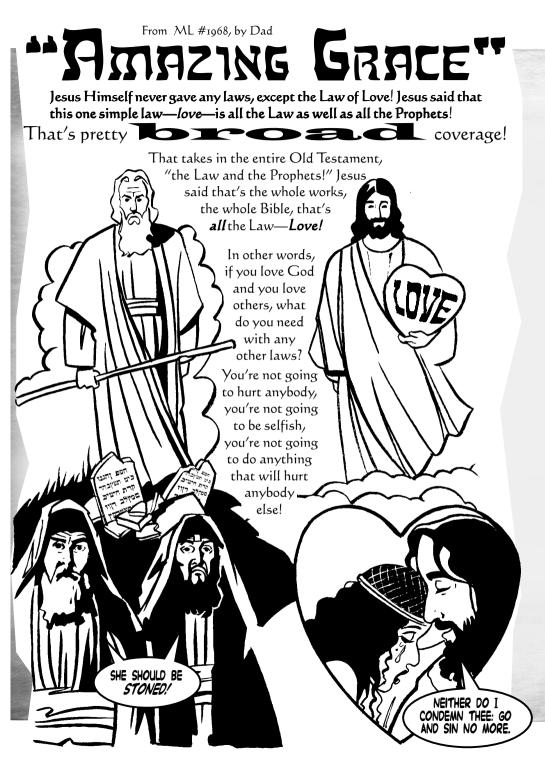
My LAW OF LOVE is first of all that you love Me with all your heart and soul and mind, and second that you love your neighbor as yourself.

The greatest way My love is manifested is in the laying down of your life for another. It's in giving your life totally to Me so that I can use it to show My love to others.

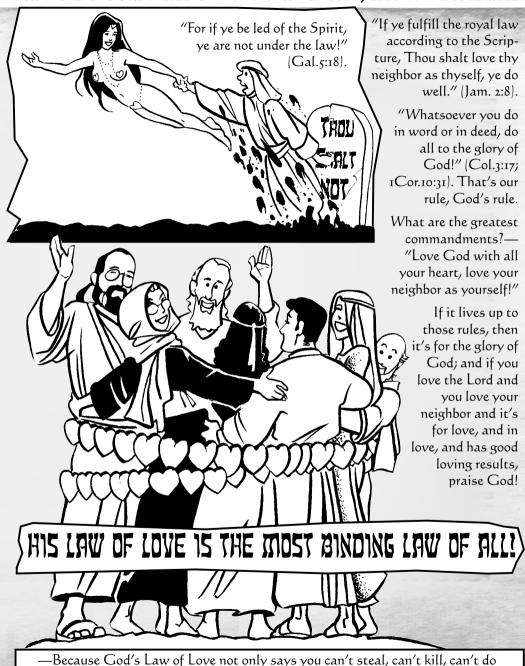




(Mama:) So when the Lord said the Family needed to live the Law of Love more, He was talking about the *totality* of it—living in love and harmony with one another, doing no harm to your neighbor, loving your neighbor as yourself—the *full* application of the Law of Love! I can't emphasize enough how vital it is to understand that the Law of Love is what should motivate us in *all* that we do, and what should be the foundation principle in all of our decisions and interactions with each other.



FOR THOSE WHO ARE FILLED WITH HIS SPIRIT OF LOVE, LOVE IS THE ONLY RULE!



of the hardest things of all to do!

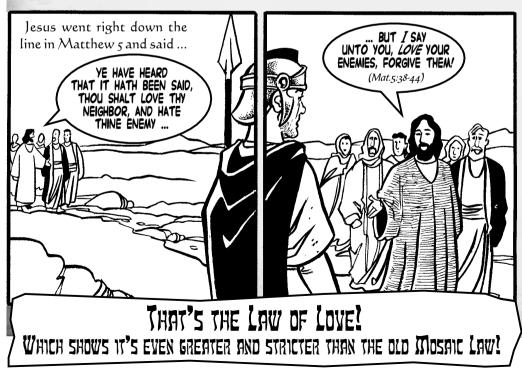
this, can't do that, etc., but that you've also got to *love* everybody!—Which is one

The Ten Commandments said that we were just to do that which was just and righteous,

but under Jesus' Law of Love we are to do **more** than justice and righteousness, we are to have **love** and **mercy**.

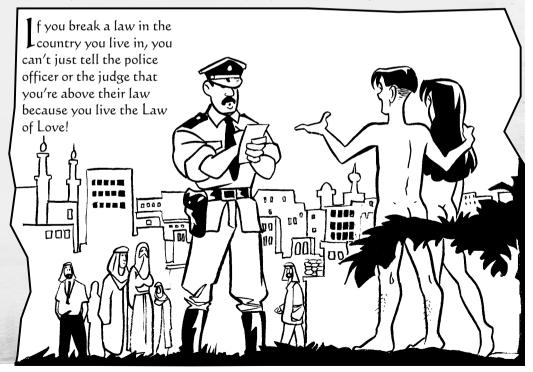


But Jesus says, "Do unto others what you want them to do to you" [Mat. 7:12]—not just whatever they <u>do</u> to you, but what you **want** them to do to you.—This is love.

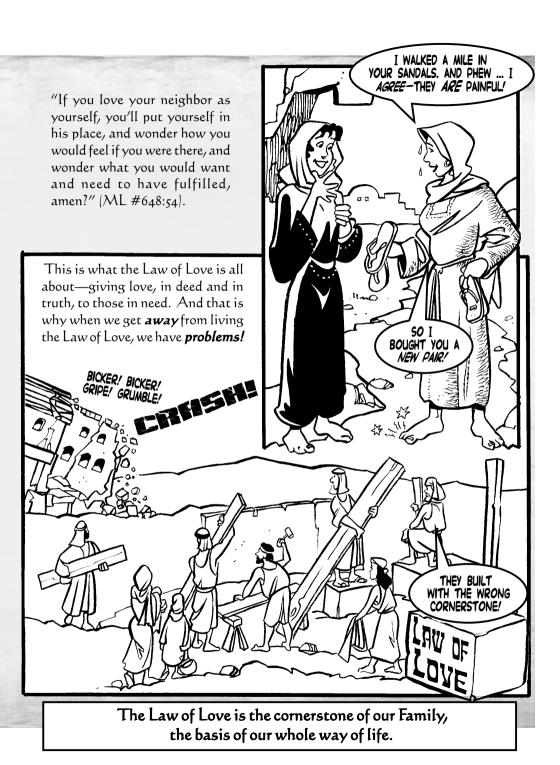




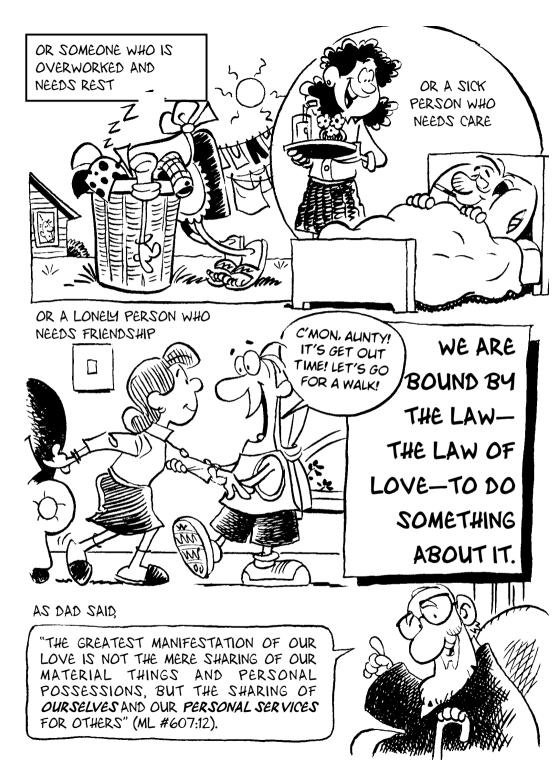
Of course, this doesn't mean that we're free from all of **society's** laws.



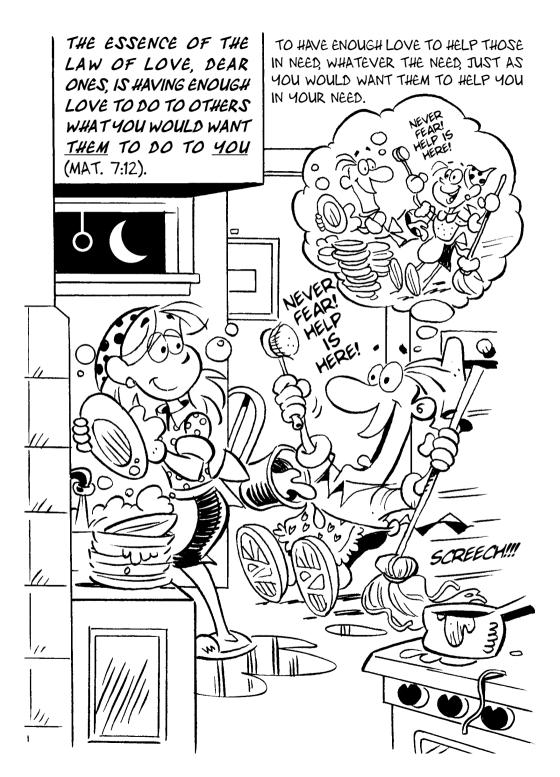




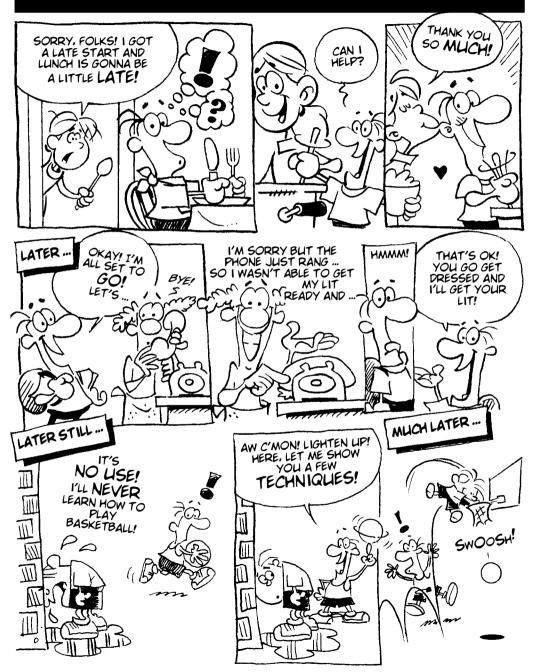




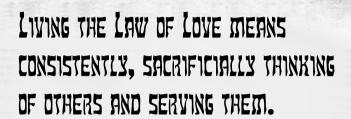




To put the needs of others above your own, even when it's a sacrifice for you to do so. *That's Love.*







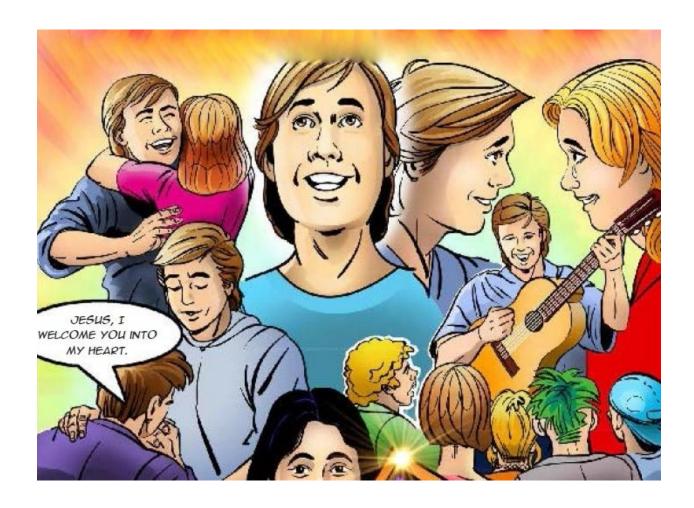
That's a order!

It's so easy to be lazy, selfish, and self-centered; most of us are that way naturally. Our first reactions are usually about ourselves, what **we** want, what will make **us** happy.

But if we ask the Lord to help us and we put forth a genuine effort, we can develop new habits and reactions, which, with time, will help us to become more loving, caring, sacrificial individuals.

Love, Unity, Trust, and Selflessness = Weapon of Brotherhood

Excerpts of The Art of War, Part 1 ML 3532 - Mar. 2005



134. (Jesus:) Striving for unity, trust, and selflessness between so many people can at times seem like a tremendous amount of work, or worse yet, something you'd just rather not have to deal with at all. It takes time, effort, humility, hearing from Me and putting into practice the things I show you, sacrifice, yieldedness, and more. Many of you are content to "keep the peace" and consider that you have good unity if there aren't disagreements, arguments, or misunderstandings. You don't usually think of a weapon when you think of love, unity, trust, and selflessness.

135. The fact of the matter is that it <u>is</u> a weapon-one of the prime weapons that will help you to make disciples of all nations! Everyone

is looking for love-true, genuine, selfless, caring, divine love. It is the ingredient most lacking in the world today, and yet one of the greatest needs of mankind. Not everyone is searching for "truth" or for Me, but no one can deny that they are yearning for true love. Many have given up hope of ever finding it, or no longer even believe it exists, but when they see it, they have to sit up and take notice.

- 136. No one can deny the power of love! When My sheep come over to your Homes and find themselves surrounded by real, genuine love, manifested in unity, trust, and selflessness, it will stand out to them and cause them to be irresistibly drawn to you. It will help steady them as they grow closer to you and learn about your meatier doctrines. They will see the good fruit of these doctrines in your love and unity, and they won't be able to deny that what you have works, even if some of your beliefs seem crazy or strange. They will be able to clearly see the good fruit in the love, and know that you must be right.
- 137. But because it's one of the most important aspects of your sample, the Enemy fights it viciously, relentlessly, and makes it seem like a difficulty and a drag to have to maintain, instead of the gift, weapon, and wonderful miracle it really is. Because of that, it's something you have to fight for with all your might, and an area you have to commit to making regular progress in.
- 138. Building strong bonds of love, unity, trust, and selflessness takes time. It doesn't happen overnight. It's also an area that you have to keep growing and moving forward in on a permanent basis in order to remain a cutting-edge disciple. It has to be high on your list of priorities, and something you make specific time for on a regular basis.
- 139. Making time to work on your love for and unity with your brethren on a regular basis is the first step. It should be a part of your life as a disciple just like other spiritual things you take time for, like prayer vigil and praise time. It's that important.
- 140. As a Home, making time for regular communication is something you will have to schedule or make a priority; it won't just happen. And when I say "communication" in this case, I don't mean communicating about the work, or the children, or the finances, or the scheduling-I mean communicating deeply, taking time to listen to others, getting to know each person in your Home, and taking time to love each other.
- 141. There are so many ways to do it; some are simple and require little in the way of time, effort, and preparation. Others take a little more prayer, planning, and thought, but are certainly worth it just the

same. I'll give you a list of questions you can ask yourself that will give you ideas of how you can reach out, move toward greater unity, and hone your skills with this weapon.

- 146. This weapon of love and unity, when used effectively, also shields you as a Home and individuals from so many of the Enemy's attacks. They're absolutely harmless to you, because you're protected and shielded through the power of love and unity and trust and selflessness. It's more than worth the cost, and you will see immediate blessings as you put it to use. As you form these good habits, you'll be hooked on the "love" lifestyle that is an integral part of the Family of the future.
- 147. (Jesus:) The beauty of the weapon of love, unity, trust, and selflessness is that its power is cumulative. The more you use it, the more others around you are apt to use it; and the more they use it, the more powerful your attack on the Enemy's territory becomes.
- 148. Love, unity, trust, and selflessness have been around for a long, long time, and they are not "new weapons" per se. However, when combined into a single assault, love, unity, trust, and selflessness form a weapon that can do massive damage to Enemy lines. It is truly a weapon of mass destruction that has potential to decimate the Enemy and utterly thwart his plans, especially when used offensively.
- 149. It would probably help many of you to use a single term for this weapon, and if you want to shorten the name from "love, unity, trust, and selflessness," I suggest you call it the "weapon of brotherhood." It is a multi-weapon. You can liken it to a tank or a heavily armored combat vehicle, one that carries cannons and guns and is capable of shooting several weapons at a time. This combat vehicle is multifaceted, just as the weapon of brotherhood is multifaceted and is mounted with love, unity, trust, and selflessness. You can call it whatever you want, though, because what matters is that when you, My brides, are actively working to enhance unity and going out of your way to live unselfishly, you are taking the battle to the Enemy and wiping out his ability to attack.
- 150. The Enemy just loves to attack your unity. He loves to throw a monkey wrench into your Home, causing dissension, hurt feelings, mistrust and selfishness. He has legions of demons, including the Selvegion and the demons of division, working full-time to find a crack in the wall of unity. They whisper thoughts of mistrust about other brethren and try their best to blow problems and personality differences way, way out of proportion. This is one of the Enemy's primary tactics, and he has devoted much

manpower-or rather demon power-to these attacks.

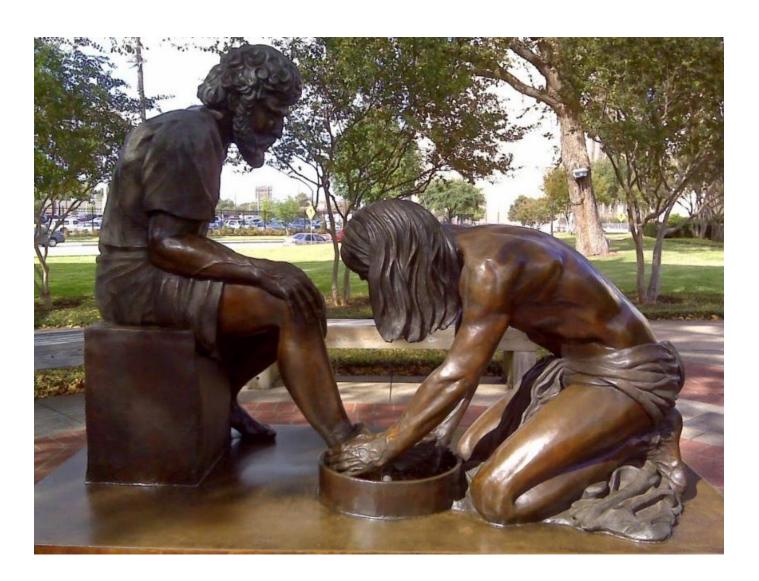
- 151. Once disunity, mistrust, and selfishness have set in, the battle to restore unity, trust, and selflessness can be long and hard. But a lot of that can be avoided if you as an individual and as a Home are launching surprise attacks against Satan's minions by actively striving toward greater brotherhood through love, unity, trust and selflessness.
- 152. What I'm saying is that rather than striving toward greater brotherhood only when the cords of brotherhood have been loosened or broken, you should be constantly looking for ways to <u>strengthen</u> your unity, avoid mistrust, live unselfishly, and manifest love for one another.
- 153. It would help for you to understand what "brotherhood" means. Think of a group of soldiers who've fought a long, hard campaign together, for example. They've lost friends, been wounded, saved one another's lives, laughed together, cried together, and felt fear together. At the end of this intense military campaign, the little personality quirks and annoyances seem so insignificant when compared to the unity and love they now have for one another. Many of these soldiers became friends for life-something that may have never happened under normal, more comfortable circumstances where the little personality issues, pride, and a class-based society are so much more prominent.
- 154. So the best way for you to enhance your brotherhood is to fight side by side in the trenches. When I ask you to be your brother's keeper, I don't just mean you should be chiding them when they are in the wrong, but you should be actively seeking out ways to help one another through your spiritual and physical battles, and to be comforting and praying for one another regularly.
- 155. There are lots of other practical ways to enhance unity, such as having united meetings, loving times of fellowship and laughter and singing and praise to Me. You can gain trust through loving honesty. You can live unselfishly and show your love in practical ways, and all of the above will help you to use the weapon of brotherhood offensively. But there is no greater way to utilize the power than to learn to fight together. There is just no better way, because supporting one another in battle brings out a very special depth of love, unity, trust and selflessness that seriously impedes the military abilities of the Enemy.
- 156. So learn to fight together by praying, comforting, and loving each other through the battles, whatever they may be, and you can be sure you'll win one decisive victory after another.

The X Factor! : Humility

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Using the Spiritual Weapon of Humility Professionally in Our Witnessing and Winning!

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" (2 Corinthians 10:4).



What?

1. Humility is a virtue that the children of David must continue to convey in order to be good shepherds of their present and future flocks. To be an effective witness, winner and shepherd, you must actively seek for a spirit and mindset of humility, the attitude of a humble servant. Pride is the opposite of humility and will destroy your effectiveness in the Offensive. Pride is what makes you an old bottle and humility is what keeps you a new one. The more you choose to do the humble thing, the more you become a new bottle in the spirit. Anything that is humbling is good for you because it keeps you fresh, young, and alive in spirit.

Why?

- 2. We've learned a lot about humility over the years. There are numerous GNs on the topic, so it's nothing new. But what is new is the even greater importance of being humble in this day and age, with the new dynamics that the Offensive is interjecting into our Homes and lives. We absolutely must be humble if the Lord is going to use us to do the "great and mighty works" that He has promised. He's not going to do marvelous things for us and through us if it's going to go to our heads and generate pride. He'll only do the miraculous when He knows that we're going to give Him all the glory and credit and honor, and remain little in our own sight, ready to do whatever He might ask of us.
- 3. Your motivation for striving for true humility today might be different than your motivation has been before. In the past you might have prayed for and worked to achieve greater humility so that you could be more loving, so that you'd be easier to live with, and so that you'd have more of the Lord's blessing in your life. But in this era of the Offensive, we need to remember that our humility will determine how greatly the Lord is able to use us. We need humility for the sake of the sheep, to preserve us for the great job we have of winning the world, to prevent us from falling into the snare of pride, and so that we can be humble shepherds of the

flocks the Lord is beginning to give us.

- 4. We must be humble shepherds; there's no other way. Pride is probably the number-one thing that has led shepherds astray in the past and that has brought about the ruin of fruitful works. Pride can be extremely dangerous when it comes to building a flock and reaching the upper class--pride in your accomplishments, pride in how many sheep you have on the line, pride in your ability to give answers or teach classes or be a help to people, pride that results from accepting the praise of man, pride in wanting to be a one-man show and not desiring to teamwork with others, pride in thinking that your sheep belong to you rather than to your Home, the Family, and Jesus most of all.
- 5. Humility is going to be key in building your flocks in the future--and not just winning them, but keeping them in the long run. Humility will be instrumental in protecting your gift of prophecy, so that you can receive the Lord's words clearly and know His mind on how to best go about your plans during the Offensive, as well as how to shepherd and teach and train your flock. The work of the future is going to burgeon, and the Lord is going to want to do more miracles and wonders, but He'll need humble vessels to work through.
- 6. So, if you didn't have motivation enough before to keep your pride in check and to strive for humility, I imagine that the Offensive will provide a greater incentive. It's not only about you and your spiritual health or the happiness and unity of your Home. It's also about others now. It's about reaching the lost and building our flocks. We owe it to those who need Jesus, and to those whom He has been preparing to join our ranks, to be humble enough to allow the Lord to use us to the full in order to reach and win them.
- 7. Humility is also an important weapon in your day-to-day witnessing. By "humility" I don't mean shyness or having an "excuse me for living" attitude, but humility as a means of drawing others to Jesus. When you are humble, you are loving, you are kind, you esteem others better than yourself. You aren't self-righteous. You listen to others, you show an interest in them, and you impart an air of assurance and faith--not in yourself but in the Lord. Humility makes you the type of person that others want to be around, and talk to, and listen to, and that's so important in your witnessing and winning.

The keys of humility are vital for My witnessers to claim. Humility is one of the more obvious qualities of My Spirit, and it's so outstanding and different from the spirit of the world, that it makes people take notice, it breaks down the walls, and helps them to receive Me. It draws them to Me (ML #3599:197, GN 1182).

- 8. Love and humility are pretty closely connected. If you have real love, then you'll have humility. The Lord wishes to give each of us an enhanced gift of humility to use in a new way in our witnessing and winning. He asks us to pull down this gift through seeking to actively do the humble thing, and to give all the glory and honor to Him. He wants us to put on the robe of humility so that when others look at us, they will see Him. We will attain what we desire through the path of humility, which is lined with gentleness, kindness, and love. Humility makes you winsome.
- 9. Using the weapon of humility will ensure that you are being to each person what they need you to be, because you will be in position for the Lord to use you to the full and work through you in the best way possible. If they need a listening ear or a sympathetic shoulder to cry on, you will have the humility to be that. If they need to be convicted to do something for Jesus, they will feel that loving conviction given in a spirit of humility and not judgment. If they need love, they will feel the Lord's love shining through you, because you'll be humble enough to be His vessel. If they need to be stirred up in spirit, they will feel it without getting offended, because the weapon of humility will help you to have the right balance, attitude, and spirit.
- 10. There's hardly anything about witnessing and winning that you don't need humility for. To be an instant witness you must be humble, because sometimes the Lord will ask you to approach someone who seems way out of your league, or someone whom it would be humbling for you to strike up a conversation with, and you can't let pride get in the way. In order to do new and different things during the Offensive, you have to be humble, because some of those new things might be rather radical or even crazy, and probably not "you." Reaching the rich also requires humility; you have to be humble enough to do what it takes to become one, and yet not allow your spirit to be tainted or polluted by the things of the world.
- 11. Standing up for the truth in your witnessing calls for humility.

 Our message and beliefs are not always going to be popular--in fact,

they won't ever be very popular with the majority. Your convictions will be challenged; you will sometimes be rejected, but if you're humble, it won't hurt your pride. You'll be able to praise the Lord and go on, trusting Him for the outcome. You'll be thinking more about what **God** thinks about you rather than your earthly reputation.

- 12. Humility is a part of our protective armor in the spirit world. By being humble, we retain our desperation in the spirit, and thus our usefulness to the Lord, and we are able to receive in full His anointing to be His mouthpieces to the world. By being humble, we guard against the pitfalls of self-confidence, independence, compromise, being tempted with popularity or riches, and many other negative things we don't want in our lives. Humility helps us to preserve and treasure and share the true riches of the spirit that we are privileged to have in the Family, and to stay on the straight and narrow.
- 13. Humility keeps us in the position of realizing that we can't do the job of building a flock in our own strength. We desperately need the Lord, the spiritual weapons, and His Word as our ballast. When we know and truly believe that the Lord is our strength and that the Word is what keeps us, then we will in turn teach our sheep and friends the same. We will draw them to Jesus and connect them to His Word first and foremost, not to individual personalities. That's how we'll have strong and stable flocks in the future. That's a big part of what it will take to be successful--giving our sheep the right foundation from the very beginning--and it all starts with, and is sustained by, humility.
- 14. (Jesus:) Humility is an outstanding characteristic of a powerful witnesser. You can be a good witnesser without sufficient humility, but you will never be a powerful witness unless you are humble and meek.
- 15. Humility isn't easily offended or hurt when something happens in your witnessing and winning that is embarrassing, or when I ask you to step out of the norm. Humility's desire for a soul to be saved is greater than the need to maintain a reputation or a front. Humility gladly accepts reproach for the cause of Christ and does not answer in anger. Humility is a beautiful garment of peace that covers you when you could answer in haste, but you hold your tongue for the love of souls, and because you love Me more than your reputation or appearance.

- 16. Humility causes the power of My Spirit to flow through you. Real power, the power of Heaven, can only be harnessed through humble surrender. It cannot be worked up. Humility is a gift--accepted, harnessed, practiced, and held onto with great determination.
- 17. When you surrender your all to Me and you let Me use you however I want to--whether it's embarrassing, humbling, or glorious--you put yourself in a position to receive unmatched spiritual strength that will help you to be the witness I need you to be. You must harness this gift and make it your own if you wish to do great miracles or find the keys to someone's heart. Humility is a prize possession--hard to hold onto, easy to lose, but absolutely essential to becoming a powerful witness.
- 18. Humility is surrender to the Spirit of God. You take hold of Me and profess your need and admit your weakness. You refuse to let your pride keep us apart. In humility you gratefully and with anticipation receive all that I have to give you. You don't question with a carnal mindset.
- 19. Humility is acceptance of My will in every area of your life. It doesn't matter if it pertains to a soul or to the schedule, humility accepts and praises Me for everything that I send your way. It doesn't think it knows better. It doesn't reject a chance to witness in a humbling way; it embraces it with both arms, lays hold on that soul, and woos it into Heaven, regardless of the cost to reputation or pride. The love of Christ compels humility more than anything else.
- 20. Humility takes all and gives all--it takes all from Me and gives its all to others. Humility is the essential ingredient in harnessing the power of Heaven to reach a soul. Humility is impressive in a world where pride is glorified and reigns unchecked. Through humility, you receive the ability and wisdom to answer with My words, in My Spirit, and with My power. Through humility you wait for My timing and speak only the words I give you to speak. You surrender everything to Me through humility.
- 21. Through the keys of humility you can embrace any prickly rejection, and respond with love and kindness in return. Humility is essential to love, and love is essential to reaching the lost for Me. Humility is a great prize to seek after. Humility is a wise virtue to pursue, if you are to be a powerful witness.
 - 22. Humility will give you the grace and strength to even die for

- **Me,** if that is My will for you, as a testimony of My love, and for a witness against those who persecute you. Through the strength that humility will give to your witness, you will plant seeds of love and truth in the hearts of your persecutors that cannot be dislodged. Humility will destroy the strongest vestiges of pride in the hardest of hearts.
- 23. (Jesus:) With humility, you become all things to all men, so that you may win some. With humility, you expect the unexpected, and therefore receive the unexpected--out-of-bounds results.
- 24. With humility, you stand out as a beacon of light and are not hampered by pride's false faces and cover-ups. With humility, you will see your dreams become reality. It will enable you to continue reaching for the stars, dreaming those "impossible" dreams of faith and vision and foresight, which will then materialize and even surprise you.
- 25. With humility, you cause the world to sit up and take notice of you. Humility makes you stand out from the world and makes you attractive. You become irresistible.
- 26. With humility, the Offensive, which you and I have paved the way for in the spirit, will become a reality. Humility is the key ingredient in you being a success in every endeavor you embark on.
- 27. Humility to try the new and step into uncharted territory will keep you moving forward, always forward. Humility will make you decrease, so that I can increase within you.
- 28. Humility is the beginning and the end of your witnessing and winning, because humility is Me in its purest form. I am the all in all, the beginning and the end, and without Me, you can do nothing. Need I say more?

How?

- **29.** * Exercise humility by playing whatever role is needed in your Home--whether it's meeting, teaching, feeding, praying, supporting, planning, provisioning, caring for the kids, or keeping the Home fires burning. All are important and contribute toward the overall success of your winning team and your expanded flock.
- **30.** * Even if it's humbling for you, become one and be the example needed to connect with and minister to the sheep. Be willing to change your personal appearance, your Home's appearance, your speech habits, mannerisms, and interaction, in order to play the role needed to reach the sheep and win disciples. Be willing to adapt to the culture and customs of those you're ministering to, even if it's not your style or to your liking. Forget about yourself and your own pride and image. Your humility in being willing to "become one" with those you are ministering to will go a long way in touching their hearts and helping them be more accepting of your message, and ultimately, Jesus. They need to see Jesus in you, not you in you.
- **31.** * Seize every opportunity as a witnessing opportunity. Always be on the lookout for an opening to start witnessing. Be humble enough to strike while the iron is hot, no matter how difficult it may be for you.
- **32.** * Be humble enough to ask your sheep to tithe and support you. (Of course, after you've confirmed with the Lord that they are ready.)
- **33.** * Feed your sheep the meat of the Word. Don't hide or water down the beliefs that set us apart from the world and make us different.
- **34.** * Be humble, and have mercy and compassion for the people you minister to. Don't judge them for what they've done, or their choices, or their sins and mistakes, but let the Lord's perspective be your perspective in each situation. Have the attitude of, "There, but for the grace of God, go I "
- **35.** * Don't be intimidated or embarrassed in the presence of the wealthy, powerful, influential, gifted, popular, beautiful, or intelligent. That's pride.

- **36.** * Pray with those that you're ministering to, and be humble and willing to receive the Lord's words of encouragement and counsel for them.
- **37.** * Give Jesus the credit for everything--your fruit, financial stability, successful projects, goals reached, etc. When your sheep come over for a Bible class, or when you're out on follow-up, and someone remarks how wise you are, or how the Word or the class you delivered was so right on and just what they needed, give Him every bit of the glory. If you find yourself beginning to pocket any of the credit yourself, even in your mind, recognize it, ask for prayer, and go on the attack to point others to Jesus, so that He can continue to use you. (See "The Temple Prophecy," ML #9.)
- 38. (Jesus:) I am connected to everything successful and fruitful, and I'm more than willing to grant you all the power that lies at the disposal of the God of the universe. The only way that I can trust you, a frail human being, to use My supernatural power as it should be used is if you use the weapon of humility, which means giving Me the credit, acknowledging Me, looking to Me, and calling on Me for help.
- **39.** If you want to use My power, you have to give Me the glory. When you admit that you are nothing in yourself and call upon Me, you can be everything through Me; you will be fully possessed by Me and have access to My **limitless** resources. The weapon of humility makes your job easier, quicker, and guarantees success.
- **40.** * Share personal testimonies and specific victories that the Lord helped you to win, due to or in spite of mistakes you made in your outreach. Don't try to cover up your faults and failings, but be open to sharing them, so that others can see that you're only human and so that the Lord can always be glorified when things go well or you experience success.
- **41.** * Good manners are essential in the art of humility. Being courteous and following local etiquette can be humbling as well as seem like a lot of extra work, but the humility to do so will speak to those whom you're ministering to.
- **42.** * Go out of your way to contact potential sheep, even if they have been difficult to get through to or seem to be avoiding your calls or e-mails. Humility will continue to give them the benefit of the doubt. Sometimes people are really busy and they aren't purposely trying to avoid you. Pride

would cause you to give up and feel that they don't deserve your time and energy; humility will continue to pursue someone until the Lord tells you otherwise.

- **43.** * Don't draw your sheep to yourself. Draw them to Jesus and the Family--that's who they belong to. Involve others in their shepherding and training; counsel with others, and don't be a one-man show. Let your sheep get close to others, and learn from others, and partake of others' gifts and talents and anointings. Be humble enough to realize that you don't have everything that your sheep need, so giving them well-rounded training requires teamwork and the regular involvement of others.
- **44.** * Be faithful to regularly ask your Home for prayer for love, humility, and fruit that remains. Humility will cause you to admit your weaknesses and it will keep you dependent on the Lord, which is a sure way to keep you strong in spirit.
- **45.** * Shyness, which is a form of pride, can hinder you in the realm of witnessing and winning. So if you are shy, ask the Lord for practical steps to take to overcome it. Many of God's greats were shy, but the reason they were great is that they didn't let their shyness and timidity take over. (See "The I-ness of Shyness" in *Treasures*, pp 140-147.)
- **46.** * If you fail in an outreach endeavor, try again. Don't let fear, pride, condemnation, or anything else stop you.
- **47.** * Be humble enough to ask the Lord everything. You may think you have put together a good plan regarding where to go witnessing, what means of transport to take, who to visit, and what to feed those you are ministering to. But humility realizes that the Lord always knows best.
- **48.** * Work together as a Home, counsel together, hear from the Lord together. Showing yourselves open to each others' ideas, suggestions, comments, and visions is a manifestation of humility. It's proof that you realize that you don't know everything, and that you need others.
- **49.** * When you're inviting visitors or sheep over for an event or meal or activity, ask the Lord for an extra anointing of humility, which will help you to be a top-notch host or hostess for the occasion.
- **50.** * Show people that you value their time by being on time for appointments.

- **51.** * Humility is being "all there" for someone and not daydreaming or spacing out when you're ministering to them. This is also true if you are not the main one speaking to them; i.e., if you are the witnessing partner who plays more of a support role. Even if the conversation is long and drawn out, humility will help you to place importance on matters of their heart and life. Humility will help you to do all that you can to support your witnessing partner in spirit through silent prayer, while still showing the person you're ministering to that you are attentive and interested and tuning in.
- **52.** * Humility is the willingness to do things with a sheep that are not normally your cup of tea. Perhaps they invite you somewhere you're not particularly keen on going to, or serve you something to eat that is not your favorite. Humility will not make a fuss or have a negative reaction, but will go along with it out of love.
- **53.** * Humility is being willing to stretch yourself to give a class or Bible study even if you don't feel prepared for it, or if you feel that someone else could do a better job. Humility will yield and try, and this demonstration of yieldedness and willingness and humility will show those whom you're ministering to the lengths you are willing to go to teach and train them, even if it hurts your pride.
- **54.** * Attempt to learn and develop a new skill that would be a blessing to your Home and sheep, even if it's not your natural proclivity or something that you know you might not be so great at.--And stretch your humility muscles while you're at it.
- **55.** * Be willing to ask for help when preparing for a follow-up appointment, whether it's asking for prayer, asking for help receiving a prophecy for the one you'll be ministering to, asking counsel of others regarding your appearance, etc. The point is to be humble enough to ask for help if you need it, while trying not to impose on others.
- **56.** * Be just as wholehearted in your Home duties as you are when you are on outreach. Offer to rotate on kitchen duty when you have visitors coming to your Home, instead of always participating in the visit.