

Lesson 6 – The Art of Loving

Matthew 22:27-39

³⁷ *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

³⁸ *This is the first and great commandment.*

³⁹ *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

It's easy to love somebody that you understand.

Galatians 5:13

¹³ *For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

Now this is not a suggestion it is a command from the Lord Jesus.

He said you will know that they are my disciples because they have love one for another!

When you interact with people, you have to interact with them in different ways so that they can feel your love.

Love your enemy. It truly takes God's love at work in your heart to love your enemy.

Love means being there for people who are hurting.

How to help people that are hurting and suffering:

1. The ministry of presence.

When you're full of the Holy Ghost and you come alongside somebody in pain, you're bringing the Lord with you and you're bringing the healer of all hurts and the healer of all pains with you.

2. Use gentle sensitive words and speak from your heart not from your head. One of the best things you can say to someone struggling is simply "I'm sorry."

3. Show up. Love never gives up, it shows up. We're His hands. We're His feet. He uses us by showing up. We're showing God's love. We're helping to heal their pain and to ease their burden just to take a little bit of the load off of them during a hard time.

4. Look to Jesus. We can have faith in God's goodness and power when our hurting friends cannot have faith for themselves.