



Go for God!

“TO LOVE, TO HONOR, TO BLESS!!!” **HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!!!**

> **MEMORIZE & LIVE: LHB (Love—Honor—Blessing)**

> **LOVE! – LET’S LOVE OUR MOMS AND ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD’S LOVE!**

- **What is LOVE?** Love is the high esteem which God has for His children and the high regard which they, in turn, should have for Him and other people. Because of the 361 references to love in the Bible, it is certainly the most remarkable book of love in the world. It records the greatest love story ever written—God’s unconditional love for us that sent His Son to die on the cross.

- **Jesus said in John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

- **Jesus said in John 13:34-35 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**

- **John the apostle wrote in 1 John 4:7-11 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this 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 also ought to love one another.**

- One commentator writes, “Love is like oil to the wheels of obedience. It enables us to run the way of God’s commandments (Ps 119:32). Without such love, we are as nothing (1 Cor 13:3). Such Spirit-inspired love never fails (1 Cor 13:8) but always flourishes.”

> **Let’s learn TRUE LOVE IN ACTION! (1 Corinthians Ch. 13)**

“***Love suffers long***” – To be long-spirited, i.e. forbearing or patient.

“***Love is kind***” – The word used here denotes to be good-natured, gentle, tender, affectionate, to show oneself useful, courteous, i.e. to act benevolently.

“***Love does not envy***” – A feeling of resentment and jealousy toward another person because of his possessions or good qualities.

“***Love does not parade itself***” – The idea is that of boasting, bragging vaunting. Most expositors suppose that it has the notion of boasting or vaunting of one’s own excellencies or endowments. This spirit proceeds from the idea of “superiority” over others; and relates to feeling of contempt or disregard for them.

“***Love is not puffed up***” – This word means to blow, to puff, to paint, to inflate with pride, and vanity, and self-esteem.

“***Love does not behave rudely***” – To act unseemly or unbecoming. To speak in a condescending or crude manner, to be discourteous.

“Love does not seek its own” – True love is not selfish, self-centered, or self-absorbed. We are to love others, to seek their welfare with self-denial, to respond with personal sacrifice and toil.

“Love is not provoked” - To be quickly stirred to anger, to have a short temper.

“Love thinks no evil” – That is, to have a continual belief that the motives and heart of another is for the good. Meaning, that your love is not malicious or desires to find fault in others, but your thoughts and speech will dwell upon the good. (Philippians 4:8)

“Love does not rejoice in iniquity” – Love does not rejoice in sinful practices of our world, nor do we take delight when a fellow believer falls into sin. But true love will pray for repentance, reconciliation, and restoration.

“Love rejoices in the truth” – Love rejoices in virtue, godliness, righteousness, and goodness. It does not rejoice in the "vices," but in the "virtues" of others. Love rejoices when others "do well."

“Love bears all things” - The Greek word for “bears” is *stegei*, which means to "cover," "hide," "conceal," not to make known. This means that love is disposed to hide or conceal the faults and imperfections of others, not to publicize them.

“Love believes all things” – This love has a disposition to believe that brothers and sisters in Christ are actuated by good motives, and that they intend no injury; and that there is a willingness to suppose, as far as can be, that what is done is done consistently with friendship, good feeling, and virtue.

“Love hopes all things” – God’s love is an optimistic, not pessimistic. We have hope for today in Christ, hope for change by the power of the Holy Spirit, and hope for eternity as we look forward to heaven.

“Love endures all things” – This Holy Spirit produced love bears up under any stress or strain. It sustains us and does not complain. This love endures all persecutions at the hand of man and will keep on loving no matter the event.

“LOVE NEVER FAILS!” - “Fails” is *ekiptei* in Greek, meaning to drop away; to be driven out of one's course; figuratively, to lose, to become inefficient. In other words, God’s love through us never fails or falters, but will have its powerful effect upon everyone and every situation.

> HONOR! – LET’S GIVE HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE, ESPECIALLY TO MOM!

- **What is Biblical HONOR?** – The word “HONOR” is found 144 times in the Bible, **honor means to esteem and respect.** Let’s look at 3 key elements of “HONOR”:

First, we **are all called to honor God our Father**, to give Him reverence and homage, for God alone is worthy of our highest honor (1 Chron 16:27; Rev 4:9-11).

Second, **we are to honor the Son of God.** Jesus makes it plain that one cannot honor the Father unless he also honors the Son (John 5:23).

Third, we follow the fifth of the Ten Commandments which states, **“Honor your father and your mother”** (Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16). Jesus even taught that to honor parents means to help them financially, if needed. (Matt 15:4-6).

Paul writes in Ephesians 6:1-3 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

- Peter gives us some principles for HONORABLE relationships in 1 Peter Chapter 3.

> BLESS! – LET’S BLESS OUR MOTHERS AND ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS AND FOREVER!

- *What is Biblical BLESSING?* – The words “*bless, blessed, or blessing*” are found 503 times in God’s blessed book the Bible. To *bless* is the act of declaring, or wishing, God's favor and goodness upon others. The blessing is not only the good effect of words; it also has the power to bring them to pass.

In the Bible, important persons blessed those with less power or influence. The patriarchs pronounced benefits upon their children, often near their own deaths (Gen 49:1-28). Even if spoken by mistake, once a blessing was given it could not be taken back (Gen 27).

Leaders often blessed people, especially when getting ready to leave them. These included Moses (Deut 33), Joshua (22:6-7), and Jesus (Luke 24:50). Equals could bless each other by being friendly (Gen 12:3). One can also bless God, showing gratitude to Him (Deut 8:10) in songs of praise (Ps 103:1-2).

God also blesses people by giving life, riches, fruitfulness, or plenty (Gen 1:22,28). His greatest blessing is turning us from evil (Acts 3:25-26) and forgiving our sins (Rom 4:7-8).

(from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

- Let’s be a BLESSING TO ALL in HEART, ATTITUDE AND SPEECH per our LORD’s teaching in Matthew Chapter 5:1-11.

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