



Finding Love

If there's one thing that will drive a person crazy in this life, it would be "not finding love." Finding love doesn't mean that you found something loving. It means that someone found you and loves you. Many people have a most difficult time at this, leading to despair, defeat, addictions, and other nasty worldly affairs. Let's find love God's way and keep it going throughout our lives. If you'd like to do this, then read on!

Love is, far too often, one sided. It's easy enough to give out love because you can control that part of your life. ***But, you simply cannot control a person's desire to love you.*** Many people use various



tactics to talk them into thinking they can control and find love, but they are lying to themselves. The driving force behind finding love is one of the most significant, greatest human forces there is. It forms a person's soul desires, it determines where a person goes in life – or stays in life, and it closes a person behind prison bars or gives him a way out of his prison. It is the basis of nearly all of man's addictions. Without finding love, man would not powerfully exist. God made man with such a strong yearning to both love and find love

that it literally defines who the man is. If he has found love, he has achieved the greatest act second only to loving God.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.
 Luke 10:27

If he hasn't found love, he is captured into one of the many, worldly grips of self-serving affairs which provide a false sense of hope and security, thus tricking man into thinking he has, or nearly has, found love.

No man that warreth

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entangleth himself with the affairs of this life. 2 Tim 2:4

Are you entangled with the affairs of this life? Have you found love? If you have, who is it who freely loves you? If you haven't, what are you attached to in its stead?

Let's get one thing straight right now. Your greatest act of love will always be to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. That will never change. Your second greatest act of love will always be to love other people. As a Christian:

The worst thing you could ever do in life is to not love God.

The worst thing you could ever do to people is to not love them.

Many Christians grope through life thinking they are sinners and are the worst people

to walk the face of the earth. They think they could never do anything to elevate them out of their misery or seeming lack of acceptance by God. Wanna know the truth? Christians are ALWAYS accepted by God.

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. Eph 1:6

That can never change. The mind is a ferocious animal, defying taming at all costs – almost. If you know this, you can and should beat it into submission. Is your love life miserable? Do you think that there is no way out of your misery? If so, you need to change the way you think – right now! Modern day psychologists are now taught that most pain originates in the mind. There are “new” medical movements afoot to implement this theory by first probing and treating the mind instead of the body for pain relief. Clinically depressed

people generally cannot see a way out of their troubles. That's the way the mind works. In other words, one can become worse the worse he gets. He may try and try and try to bring himself up, but to no avail. That is why doctors throw them the “anti-depressant” lifeline. It's like getting a life ring thrown to you when you have been treading water and are about to give up. It targets that dysfunctional emotional part of the brain, giving the person a fighting chance to swim to shore. The same happens to you when you receive the Word of God into your mind. It's one up on anti-depressants though. It can and does take you out of despair so that you can, once again, find your way. It heals the mind and gets it back to working right again. Most people just don't give it enough time. After all, pills are easier to take, aren't they? Humm, let me think about that for a minute – NOT! Bottom line: Take the lifeline of God's Word and heal

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you. Tame your mind and force it to believe you will find love.

Wanna know more of the truth? Christians turn off their ability to love God and others at will, thus causing one human catastrophe after another. So, while they are always accepted by God, they end up doing unacceptable things to people, exacerbating their bad feelings and compounding world problems. I better stop there so that you can allow this to sink in a bit. ***Bottom line: if you haven't found love, you are in a very dangerous situation!*** If you haven't already become addicted to some form of unsound behavior, you very well could be close to doing so. Nothing can replace the real thing, no matter how many times you tell yourself something can. Replace the time you spend doing things that lead you astray from finding love, with putting your life back in order.

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Prov 8:17

Finding love is a two way street. If you want to find love, you have to become loving. That's the order of the day! That is to say, if you do not love, why should anyone love you? Tough words? Yep. But true? Yep. As a person "grows up," he can become more and more calloused. The world makes him this way. Consequently, he will love less and less. Not all men and women are that way. Are you? Why should anyone love you? What a great question. What do you have to offer? What great things do or can you do for one another? Why should someone love you? Bottom line: If you love others, you SHOULD expect someone to find you and love you back. Love and be loved! There's no better time than the present to become a great lover of people.

Proverbs just told us to "start early."

Spending too much time at the wrong bus stop will only make the trip take longer. How many times have you spent too much time waiting for someone to love you back, when, in the end, they were never going to love you back anyway? Sounds like the wrong bus stop, doesn't it? Bottom Line: Look around you instead of looking so deeply within. Listen to what's going on around you. Seeing and hearing will tell you tons about the weight you carry on your shoulders. ***Become interested in things outside of you and things outside of you will become interested in you!***

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. 2 Cor 12:15

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But you say, I loved him, I loved her so much, yet this person now doesn't even notice me. Sure, this is a common situation. While it seems that if you love someone abundantly, the proper recourse would be for them to love you a lot in return. No matter how sound this sounds, it doesn't always work. In fact, it rarely works in the first place. It can work in the second place though. The first place is a person finding you and deciding that he or she will love you. The second place is in your abundantly loving him or her back. Bottom line: Work on being loving and making you become someone another person would want to love. Remember: the other person will have to want to love you first. You can never force that, never!

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption:

for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. Isa 38:17

When you find love, you stop corrupting yourself with selfish acts of worldly addictions. Only one thing can satisfy your need to be loved by another person: another person loving you. Only one thing opens this opportunity for you; you deciding that you are willing to receive it and embrace it. Wouldn't it be a quirk if you finally figured out that the other person has to want to love you first? Then he or she comes along and you refuse to embrace that person's love for you. Instead, you continue embracing the worldly addictions and vices that previously worked so well to calm down your lack of love. Bottom line: No one will naturally want to entertain both the world and you at the same time. *If you want*

love, make yourself available and learn to embrace another's

love for you.

I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls. Lam 1:19

My girls are all familiar with my "finding love" speech. I tell them over and over that while they may date 10,000 guys, they will marry only one. Therefore, don't view the 9,999 as if they were the "1." Love, but don't think that the 9,999 will all be your "true" lovers. While this has all to do with marriage and the associated loving acts of marriage, the underlying principle is true for any relationship. Bottom line: while you may think that many are your lovers, don't be surprised to find that many, or even all of them are not.

Regarding love, people's honesty can become questionable. Much

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of the world's writings are based on this human flaw alone. So, in the midst of this "love" battle, most people seek after worldly addictions and pleasures instead of the one thing they are most in need of: finding love. *Funny thing isn't it, that the very people who abuse others by not loving are indeed seeking that very thing, love, from others.* Bottom line: Don't hang your hat on a person until he or she proves how good a hat rack he or she really is. In the meantime, treat the person as if he or she is just one of the 9,999.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 1 Peter 1:22

Man's aversion to love is a living dichotomy. He denies what he

craves. Man has such a problem with this, and God knows this, which is why man is commanded to love. Christians are expected to obey the loving truth of God's Word by truly loving each other with unfeigned love. They are expected to love one another with a pure heart and to do it fervently. A troubled person's troubles starts with a refusal to love and be loved. He looks for love in all the wrong places. His quest to find love generally ends in failure, not because there aren't others who could love him, but because he became addicted to worldly vices instead of becoming addicted to fulfilling the scriptural "love your neighbor." Bottom line: when there are too few who love, too few will be loved. *Love your fellow Christian fervently so that all they may say, I found love!*

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of

the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 John 3:10

God's children, in part, manifest their godliness by loving fellow Christians. Worldly people, in part, manifest their ungodliness by not loving others. It's sad that so-called Christians fall into the worldly category a bit too often.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Christians need to get busy loving other Christians. When and where a group of Christian believers love, you have minimal worldly influences in control. When and where a group of Christian believers do not love, you have much greater worldly influences in control. Bottom line: Christians should work hard at loving each other so that others can find their love and

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become satisfied in that. Let it never be said that you hardly work to love. *Let someone find you by being someone worth finding. Untwist the common worldly idea that love comes by force.* Rather, believe and live according to godliness in love: that love comes by becoming one worth loving and allowing someone to find you!

Much love in Christ!

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