

LOVE heals

All sickness and disease are from the "devil" or self-inflicted, and not from God. God is good and only good, and does not inflict conditions on us to punish us. When we turn our backs on God and disobey Him, we often suffer the consequences. Sometimes this is done through ignorance and foolishness and on other occasions through rebellion and arrogance. Cigarette smoking is a prime example. In the past there were no health warnings on cigarette packets, and many smokers did not know that smoking was detrimental to their health. Smoking causes many sicknesses and conditions, including chronic sinusitis, tonsillitis, coughing, sore throat, smelly breath, emphysema, cancer, heart disease, asthma, etc. Most smokers nowadays know that smoking is bad for their health, but they persist with this bad habit, due to a spirit of addiction and rebellion that controls them. If we really LOVE God, we will obey the Great Commandment in totality (Matthew 22:34-40). If we LOVE God, we will LOVE all people, including ourselves and those around us. If we really LOVE ourselves and those around us, we will rebuke that spirit of addiction and quit smoking immediately.

Don't say it is too difficult to quit smoking. The Holy Spirit is available to help every child of God who sincerely seeks help. The Holy Spirit is our friend and helper. Who are we going to obey – the "devil" or the Holy Spirit? The "devil" is very sly and persistent, and will try to convince us that we need a cigarette whenever we face a problem or desire some time out. He will try to convince us that we need a cigarette immediately. "Be alert, be on the watch! Your enemy, the devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8). The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, is kind and patient. "Be firm in your faith, and resist him (the devil), because you know that your fellow believers in the entire world are going through the same kind of sufferings." (1 Peter 5:9). "So then, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. Come near to God, and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners! Purify your hearts, you hypocrites! Be sorrowful, cry and weep; change your laughter into crying, your joy into gloom! Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:7-10). God created all of us with free will. He doesn't force us to obey Him. If we choose to disobey God and to follow the "devil", it is our choice, and we must bear the consequences. Every action has a reaction. As we sow, we shall also reap.

God however is a loving and forgiving God. He LOVES us unconditionally and is quick to forgive any sincere seeker who turns back to Him. Forgiveness of sins and healing are very closely related. Divine healing more than often flows forth from forgiveness. It is up to the individual to LOVE and forgive themselves and to accept God's LOVE and forgiveness. LOVE for oneself, for God and for all of God's creation and forgiveness of others and oneself is vitally important to receiving Divine Healing. Jesus did not die for our sins, he lived for us. He lived a life without sin, according to the will of God. The will of God is that we live selflessly and without sin. The will of God is that we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This is why Jesus incarnated from the spirit realm to earth, to set an example of how to live a Godly life, according to the will of God. By rising from the grave a few days after His crucifixion, He proved to humanity that even physical death can be overcome. If we claim to be Christians, i.e. followers of the Lord Jesus, then we should become like Him and eradicate all wrong thinking, wrong speaking, wrongdoing and refraining from doing the right things, i.e. eradicate all "sin", from our lives. Ultimately we are all responsible for our own words, thoughts, actions and habits, and should not use Jesus as a crutch and an excuse to carry on with a sinful lifestyle.

God hates sin, but He loves us (the sinner). God did not give us laws and rules and regulations to punish us and to spoil our fun. He gave His commandments to us, to protect us from the sinful "devil" that resides within each one of us. He gave His commandments to us, because He LOVES us and He cares for our wellbeing. God is good and only good. The people of this world are being controlled by the sinful "devil" within. God is waiting patiently for humanity to turn away from their wicked ways and to turn back to Him. He is waiting for us to humble ourselves and to seek His face through prayer and meditation, so that He can forgive our sins and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14). He cannot wait to bless us with LOVE, peace, joy, good health, wealth, prosperity and abundance. Ultimately our destinies lie in our own hands. Are we going to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, or are we going to follow the "devil"? Let us crucify the selfish desires that the "devil" tempts us with, and become selfless like the Great Master. Jesus of Nazareth is the Great Master of all times. He is the anointed and appointed son of God. He came to show us the way to return to our Heavenly Father. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is our Master, Teacher, Role Model and Blueprint. He is the perfect example of how God desires humanity to be. His LOVE is so great for His fellow man, that He endured the cross and literally gave His life to liberate humanity from the curse of religion and hypocrisy. God's Holy Spirit resurrected Jesus from the grave to show the world that even death can be overcome by His LOVE.

We have no fear of death, because we have a confident hope of immortality (Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-4). Even if our bodies should give up on us, we know that our souls will live forever. God is good and God is great. There is no darkness in God, only radiant LIGHT and perfection. God is LOVE, and perfect LOVE drives out all fear. LOVE has not been made perfect in anyone who is afraid, because fear has to do with punishment (1 John 4:7-21).

Sickness and death are the wages of sin (Romans 6:23 and John 5:14). God is patient and kind and quick to forgive when we show remorse for our rebellion and disobedience. Ultimately it is up to the individual to turn back to God and to repent of disobedience. Eternal life is a free gift to all those who turn back to God. The choice is ours, sickness and death, or eternal life. God's grace is sufficient to forgive any sin and to heal any sickness and disease. There is no condemnation for those who sincerely show remorse and turn back to God.

God is standing at the door knocking and waiting for us to invite Him into our hearts. He is a good Father who loves all of His lost children unconditionally. He hates our rebellion and disobedience, and it saddens Him, but He still loves us, irrespective of our disobedience. We have two choices in life. Are we going to follow the "devil" or are we going to follow Jesus. We cannot serve two masters, for we will hate one and love the other (Matthew 6:24). We cannot serve Jesus and the "devil" (the world and money), at the same time. Revelation 3:16 tells us that lukewarm believers are spewed out by God. God is Holy, and does not tolerate sin. Let us not insult God by claiming to be Christians while we justify certain sins in our lives. Sin is sin, whether great or small, and it causes sickness and death. If we really LOVE God, we will break with all sin and sanctify ourselves. "Be obedient to God, and do not allow your lives to be shaped by those desires you had when you were still ignorant. Instead, be holy in all that you do, just as God who called you is holy. The scripture says, 'Be holy because I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1:14-16). "Try to be at peace with everyone, and try to live a holy life, because no one will see the Lord without it." (Hebrews 12:14).

God will not give us impossible tasks – it is possible to become Holy. Sanctification is a process and does not normally happen overnight. Spiritual growth requires lots of Bible study and fellowship with believers. Spiritual food is vitally important to prevent backsliding. The "devil" will keep on tempting us through worldly people, wrong friends and even loved ones. Do not give in to temptations that will come. If we used to smoke and decided to quit, and someone offers us a cigarette, we politely decline the offer and advise the other person that we have changed for the better.

Let us LOVE God the way He loves us and let us LOVE ourselves. God has a special plan for each one of us. We are all pieces of the puzzle, and each one of us has a special purpose on this planet. Let us give our lives to God. Let us sacrifice our personal individual ambitions and ask God to show us how to do His will in our daily lives. The more we give up our personal worldly ambitions, the more God will use us in a powerful way to build His Kingdom of LOVE and LIGHT and RIGHTEOUSNESS on earth. Followers of the Christian Faith are Kingdom builders. "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10). Our God is an awesome God. Let us not underestimate His ability to use us in a powerful way and to prosper us in all dimensions of life. The more we surrender ourselves to God, the more He will be able to use us and bless us. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be given to you." (Matthew 6:33).

God is so good, and He is standing at the door knocking and waiting for us to welcome Him into our lives. There is no one like our God. His LOVE cannot be compared to anything of this world. His LOVE through His Spirit quickened the body of the Lord Jesus and raised Him from the grave. His LOVE is powerful enough to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and drive out demons (Matthew 10:8). Let us LOVE God because He loved us first. Let us obey His commandments because we LOVE Him and because we LOVE ourselves. Anger, bitterness, hate, unforgiveness, revenge, envy, selfishness, impatience, unfaithfulness, poor self-control, pride and arrogance are ungodly attributes, and are destructive. LOVE covers a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8). LOVE heals and restores and conquers all. If we LOVE God, we will obey His commandments. We obey God because we LOVE Him. We LOVE God and all of humanity and creation selflessly.

We are not blinded by the economic climate and the circumstances all around us. We know that God is in control and that He has special plans with us and for us. We trust God's Spirit and we follow and obey as Spirit leads. We represent Jesus to a lost and dying world all around us. We are instruments in the hands of Almighty God. His living water flows through us to the spiritually dead and those in bondage. His radiant LIGHT shines through us to all those we come in contact with. We are placed where we are for a reason and we do not question the will of God. We know that He is busy preparing us for great things. We will keep on serving God in obedience and we will not be discouraged by the criticism of judgmental, religious and non-religious worldly people. We are not fazed by negative criticism and persecution, for the Spirit that is in us is greater than the spirit in those who belong to the world (1 John 4:4 GNT).

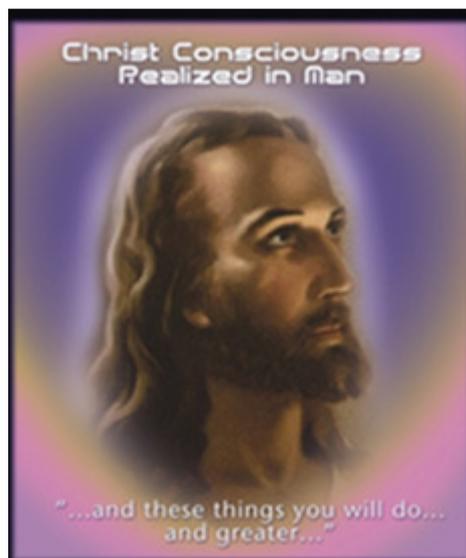
We don't react to criticism the way the world expects us to. We are radically different, just like Jesus. We are not of this world, we are from above. We are anointed brothers and sisters of Jesus of Nazareth and children of the Most High God. We belong to the Kingdom of LOVE and Light and Righteousness and we are not intimidated by the "devil" and the world. When we were still in the world, we lived for SELF, but we were spiritually dead. Now we have crucified the SELF, and we are resurrected with Christ. We are alive and we live to do the Will of God. The forces of darkness have no hold on us. We are governed by LOVE, i.e. by God, i.e. by Christ. We are anointed and appointed in the Kingdom of LOVE and Light. We are radically different, just like Jesus. We LOVE our enemies (Luke 6:27-36).

We don't judge and condemn others – we LOVE them. We sow only good seed, irrespective of how we feel, and we reap abundantly. We are not controlled by our emotions – we rule over them. Our Leader is enlightened and sees clearly and well – He is not a blind Pharisee. We are His disciples and He abides in us, as we abide in Him. We are live fish who swim against the current, unlike all the dead fish that float downstream. We question everything of this world and we will not compromise the Will of God. We are world changers. The "devil" and his demons are afraid of us, because we have been made Holy by the Spirit of God who possesses us. The spirit of hypocrisy that rules within the hypocrites and the religious, trembles with fear when we are in the vicinity. We are a threat to the kingdom of the world and of darkness (Luke 6:37-42).

Divine LOVE and Light dispels all darkness. LOVE conquers all. LOVE heals.

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