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**THE REVOLUTION OF LOVE  
PART 7**

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## I. Introduction

### EPHESIANS 3:17-19

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Do everything in love



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## II. KEY OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE RIGHT WAY TO LOVE

### A. KEY OBSERVATION #19: THE RIGHT PURPOSE OBSERVATION

WE MUST LOVE WITH PURPOSE, AND ON PURPOSE  
TO LOVE THE RIGHT WAY



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## THE WRONG REASONS TO LOVE

### 1. WE SHOULDN'T LOVE TO GET SOMETHING IN RETURN

Our love is neither sincere or unconditional when we give it to get something in return. Our attitude should be to pay love forward as much and as often as possible. We already owe a debt of love because of how much undeserving love God and others have given us. Don't be like the unmerciful servant.

### 2. WE SHOULDN'T LOVE TO LOOK GOOD TO OTHERS

Love is about being good and doing good, not looking good. Though love will absolutely make us look good, we shouldn't say and do loving things because of how it make us look to others. We shouldn't show love because it looks good on our resume and open doors to us to receive special opportunities.

### 3. WE SHOULDN'T LOVE BECAUSE WE FEEL FORCED TO DO SO

People will sometimes say and do things to try to force us to love them. We shouldn't love others because we feel forced, but because we feel faith. We should love people because of the faith of God, not the force of man. We should love people because of the laws of God not the laws of man.



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## THE RIGHT REASONS TO LOVE

### **1. WE SHOULD LOVE BECAUSE GOD AND HIS WORD COMMANDS US TO DO SO**

God, and his word is the greatest source of authority in existence. They command us repeatedly to love God, self and others. If we consider ourselves to be true followers of God and his word, then we should love simply because they say so. We shouldn't have to understand it, or agree with it to do it. Just do it.

### **2. WE SHOULD LOVE BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT AND BEST THING TO DO**

Saying and doing loving things is always the right and best thing to do. People won't always earn or appreciate our love, but giving it never the less still is right and best. God loves us when we don't deserve it and we should do the same thing for others. Giving love is always right and best.

### **3. WE SHOULD LOVE BECAUSE REAL LOVE IS A DIFFERENCE MAKER**

Nothing changes people, places and problems like real love. The change may not happen right away. The change may not be recognizable. Never the less love is a difference maker and game changer in the long run. Love has the awesome potential and power to make everyone and everything better



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B. KEY OBSERVATION #20: THE RIGHT PRAYER  
OBSERVATION

WE NEED TO PRACTICE THE RIGHT KIND  
OF PRAYER TO LOVE THE RIGHT KIND OF  
WAY



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## KEY INGREDIENTS OF THE RIGHT KIND OF PRAYER

- 1. HEARTFELT PRAYERS:** Heartfelt prayers are when we speak sincerely and fervently from the heart about our issues of love
- 2. HUMBLE PRAYERS:** Humble prayers are when we talk to God about our love issues with a spirit of meekness and humility.
- 3. HONEST PRAYERS:** Honest prayers are when we are transparent and truthful with God about our issues of love
- 4. HEALING PRAYERS:** Healing prayers are when we ask God to heal us of the pains and problems that cause our issues of love
- 5. HELPING PRAYERS:** Helping prayers are when we seek God for grace and support to help us overcome our issues of love



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## **C.** KEY OBSERVATION #21: THE RIGHT PASSION OBSERVATION

**WE NEED TO UNLOCK AND UNLEASH OUR  
GOOD PASSION TO LOVE THE RIGHT WAY**



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## HOW TO INCREASE OUR PASSION FRUIT

### 1. THE DIVINE REQUEST

The divine request is a conversation had between God and his followers about the desire to love. Passion is more a work of God than man. Sometimes he gives it to us without asking. However, most times we must request it to receive it. Ironically, most of us assume that someone either is or isn't passionate. We tend to attribute passion to one's personality.

We forget that God is the creator of our personalities, and that he is adding and subtracting from them all the time. We should continually pray that God add good passion and subtract bad passion from our appetite for love. Just a little talk with Jesus makes our love more passionate.



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## 2. THE DIVINE REVELATION

The divine revelation is a prophetic and practical insight about love that feeds our passion for love. It's a truth that is so profound and inspirational that it sets our love passion free. I have found it to be the case that the truth of God about love unlocks and unleashes our passion for love. This can be inferred from John 8:32 which says "we shall know the truth and the truth shall set us free. We must keep our eyes and ears open for divine revelation about love when reading books, listening to messages, watching movies and experiencing life. Some truths are so profound that our passion for life and love will never be the same.



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## 3. THE DIVINE RELEASE

The divine release is a notable out pouring of the power of God in our hearts to love others. It's the supernatural power and passion of God at work in our love efforts. We need the holy spirit to fully open the door of our hearts so that our passion for love will flow like never before. According to 1 Corinthians 3:6, "we can plant and water the seeds of passion in our hearts, but only God can really make it grow. The key is when we feel his Holy Spirit moving in our hearts we must go with the flow. We should follow the leadership of the Spirit whether we want to or not. Avoid quenching or grieving the work of the Holy Spirit.