

A New and Living Way!

Part 6: "Communicating Our Love!"

"There is a way that seems right to a man but the end of it is the way of death!" Prov 12.15, 14.12 "Hear the instruction of a father... Wisdom is the principal thing... it is promotion, honor, grace and glory... I have taught you in the way, led you onto right paths... run, and you will not stumble. Hold fast to, and keep, instruction for it is life!" Proverbs 4.1-13 "We now enter boldly into the presence of God by the *new and living way* Jesus opened up for us by His blood sacrifice!" Heb 10.20

We are in the process of hearing, seeing and applying the wisdom of God on our *new and living way*!

Left off with the big four: partnering, parenting, prospering and preparing for the future!

The New and Living Way... *As Partners*: We have a lifelong vow, not a contract, made with another person before the eternal witness, God! We "two" are one, **Gen 1.26-28**, and we *move together* in integrity! We *love one another* with the love of God found in Christ Jesus! **Eph 5, John 15.13** We *keep our eyes and hearts* from straying to strange flesh/sexual compromise! **1J3.3** Only separated for times of *fasting and prayer* so partner protected from temptation! **1Cor 7.5**

***As Parents*:** children remind us we're not here to satisfy our own desires... There is a design, a fulfillment of it, and kids are the completed circle! **G1.28 9.1,7** We regard our children as an inheritance, a gift, a reward, from the Lord! **Ps 127.3** A signal that it's a new day! **1Cor13.11** We provide a place of stability and order, of wholeness and integrity of faith so that they grow up on the new and living way with us! **1Tim 3.4,5,12, Col 3.21**

Family is a big deal to God because He is the Father of the family of mankind!

God of Family Life... Adam was the son of God! **Lk 3.38** Adam and Eve bore sons, first family! **G4** The Patriarchs were nothing less than heads of families! **OT** Jesus, the Son, came to restore lost sons and daughters to their Father! **NT** We have received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry "Abba! Father!" the Spirit bearing witness that we are His sons and daughters, heirs! **R8.15 Gal 4.6**

***Prospering*:** As an employee I will work for God and not merely man. **Eph 6.5-8, 1Tim6.1,2** As a boss, I will deal with God's servants w/equality/love! **Lk 12.45,46 Eph 6.9** As a receiver I will honor God w/tithes, offerings and alms! **Mal3.10** I will not fall into greed **1T3.3** and a lust for riches thereby piercing myself with many sorrows! **6.6-12** Regarding money, I will maintain a good report in the community! **1Tim 3.7** It is our Father's pleasure to give us the kingdom... prospering and being healthy as our soul prospers!

***Preparing for the future*:** not worldly wise and spiritually poor! **Lk 12.16-21** I will not lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust corrupt and thieves break in to steal it... **Mt 6.19-21** I will be careful how I build on my foundation in Christ to have lasting fruit... **1Cor3.10-15** I will not limit myself to the good things here alone, to be tormented later! **Lk16.25** I will learn to serve my generation by the will of God before I die! **A13.36**

The new and living way is the yellow brick road to our destination... heaven! And there can be no more important people to walk it out with than our families!

Caveat... I have never felt the impending warfare like I'm feeling it now! The moral and religious minority effect! Sexual/porn assault, Muslim "spring!" The "re-education" of the younger gen's! Patriotism, economic philosophy, sexual orientation, all without God! The compromise of the church! Church is supposed to love and welcome, not imitate, worldlings! The church is the keeper of the moral code!

And we can face all of it... as long as we have a secure foundation in Christ... And the sanctuary of a solid family!

I believe that God is calling us all to focus on and serve like never before! Husbands *showing their wives love* like Jesus did for the Church... Wives *showing love & honor*/husbands... Parents *hearts toward* their children... And kids *honoring and blessing* their parents!

What can drain the flavor out of life faster than a broken family? What can make us more susceptible to temptation and failure than a broken family? Doesn't adultery incubate in the brokenness of marriage relationship? Doesn't the stress of children out of control make way for "stress relievers?"

When we are broken – we are vulnerable to “every wind” that offers respite... But when we have a place to come home to for love and healing, are we not safe-guarded?

Exercise... Let's take the new and living ways of God and apply them to family! Husbands and wives *showing their love* like Jesus did for the Church... Parents *showing love; knowing, watching and coaching* their children... Kids *showing their love, honor and respect* for their parents! *Showing*, not "vibing," not "saying!" "Saying" *I love you* in ways they understand!

Commercial Break... (literally!) The Five Love Languages: Adults, men, kids, teens, singles...

Exercise... Communicating in ways others understand is the responsibility of the speaker, not the hearer! In the beginning we "sense-ually" speak a lover's language (and have been hearing!) Then we become language sensitive... And hard of hearing! When kids are born, we speak their language a lot! "Baby boo-boo to get it straight or die!" Good "communication" is a lot of work!

Exercise... Men/women, if you have a problem in the workplace, what do you do? Blow it off, leave it for someone else? Not if you are "working as unto the Lord!" [BTW: LL works in business as well!] Dad's/mom's, if you have a problem at home what do you do? Let it go to see where it's going? Solve it because your God is the Father of the family! You couple effort with loving concern!

How much are you willing to “work” to build a sanctuary for the coming times? “We are at our best as human beings when we are serving others” and it's self-serving to do it!

The best and fastest way to build a *working* family is to build it up God's way, applying His wisdom to our lives!