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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Rom. 13:8** *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.* (NIV)

Paul reveals an interesting statement as he writes to the Christians in Rome. This command is revealing. He says that love is a *continuing* debt. This is a debt we could never satisfy. No matter how much we pay against this, we could never ‘pay it off.’ The two most important commands are to love God and love people. This can only be done by living and walking in the Spirit. Here we see a guiding principle; this love is never harmful to others. It is a deep caring that puts others before ourselves. **Rom. 13:10** *Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.* (NIV) Now I think we all know this but putting into continual practice is not easy. One reason I believe this is so, is because we tend to spiritually ‘sleepwalk.’ We forget where we are and Who’s we are. Now look at **Romans 13:11** *And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* (NIV) His coming is soon. This is no time to sleep; to hit the snooze button. We need to get up, pray up and walk in His presence as we go about the day that He has made for us. As we continually choose to walk ‘in step’ with the Spirit, we will begin to see His love leading us and His power providing for us. We will enjoy a wonderful fellowship with the Spirit of the living God. Have you ever been separated from someone that you love for a long period of time? When you finally get to see them again, there is no greater blessing. Your heart is overflowing with love and gratitude. One day we will get to see Jesus ‘face to face.’ We must live this day with the expectation that this could be that day!

**Dear LORD, let us live in complete unity with Your Spirit today. We can’t change yesterday, and we don’t know that we will have tomorrow, but You have given us this day to walk with You. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen**