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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

## 1 Cor. 13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. (NIV)

It is the love of God that draws us to Him and keeps us in the middle of His will and walking in His presence. Without this love, anything that we do, or attempt to do, will be useless, faulty and powerless. It is this very love that motivates us to stay in His will. It is this love that causes us to seek His face and turn from our wicked ways.

You cannot abide in His presence and be void of His love. It overtakes us, compels us, directs us and sends us to those that need to know His love and sense His desire to redeem them. I believe that many people try to share the gift of the LORD without the love of the LORD. This is futile and leads to religious vigor instead of relational living. Our usefulness to the King is only as effective as the love that we bring. I will continue to believe that people don't really care how much you know, until they know how much you care. God's love, shared by us to others, is the most powerful force in existence. I have seen hardened people break down because of this love. I have seen those who don't even believe that there is a God, be completely changed by the love given to them in Jesus's name.

This is the critical point of living in the LORD. To do so, we must have been touched by His love and once this has taken place, we are then compelled to share this love with others. It will guide our thoughts, our direction, our choices and our emphasis for life. We will be ever looking for ways to give this love away. We will see opportunities to reach out in Jesus's name. We will see moments when He works acts of kindness through us. We will see the lost come to the only One Who can give them hope and forgiveness. Let us live in the love of God and share the love of God so that others can experience the love of God.

Dear LORD, help all that we do and all that we say be done in the love of Christ. Help us to love the unlovely and seek to share Your great love with everyone. In Jesus Name, Amen