



6th discussion for "Family Night" 9/12/08

Forgiving and Loving Each Other

1. Forgiving others is not an option; it is a command of the Scripture!!
 - A. Colossians 3:12-13 "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another, as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."
 - B. Ephesians 4:31-32 "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with malice. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving, one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."
2. Jesus commands us not to judge, to forgive and to love each other for several reasons:
 - A. So Our Father will forgive us too.
 - Mark 11:25 "When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgression."
 - Luke 6:37 "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."
 - B. To imitate Him.
 - Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take his cross, and follow Me."
 - John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
 - C. To defeat Satan
 - 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 St. Paul said: "If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven- if there was anything to forgive- I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."
 - D. Because love is stronger than hate.
 - Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.....For if you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not the even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
 - E. So that we don't destroy each other and ultimately destroy ourselves & our families.
 - Galatians 5:14-15 "For the entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."
 - F. Because only God can repay the good or the bad things we do!!!!
 - Romans 12:19 "Beloved do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
 - Romans 12:21 "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good."



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- G. So that we can enter the kingdom of our Father.
- Matthew 7:21 “ Not everyone who says to Me; “Lord, Lord” shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in Heaven”.
- H. Because if we don’t forgive, then we will face serious punishment.
- Matthew 5:22 “But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raqā’ (an Aramaic word probably meaning ‘blockhead’ a term of abuse) will be answerable to the Sanhedrin(the highest judicial body of Judaism), and who ever says, ‘You fool’, will be liable to fiery Gehenna.”(valley of Hinnom)

I received this e-mail and I would like to share it with you all:

What is Strength?Jesus’ Strength

Strength is to please others, even though you don’t feel happy.

Strength is to forgive others, even though they don’t deserve it.

Strength is to keep calm in time of anger.

Strength is to console others, even though you need to be consoled.

Strength is give up your rights for Jesus’ sake.

Strength is FAITH.

So for all these reasons and all life’s perplexity, show your LOVE and be strong. Jesus’ strength.... The Cross’ strength....

What is Satan’s idea of strength????

Satan’s idea of strength is not to be humble.

.....is not to forgive.

.....is not to say “sorry,” whether you are right or wrong.

.....is not to love those who hurt you.

.....is not to forgive those who hurt you.

.....is to hurt those who hurt you.



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Lastly, it is not to give up your rights for anybody’s sake, even Jesus!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

And for all these reasons, our behavior is what make Satan’s strength even stronger and he will WIN.

So we need to know the purpose for which God create us.....

Either we carry his Cross and grow in faith with Him, step on our arrogance, be humble, and apologize, even if we are not at fault, to win Heaven....

Or we can decide to follow Satan and step on all of Jesus’ teachings. Like this, we will win in front of others, but we will lose Eternity!!!!

Matthew 16:26 Jesus said: “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

So now we know what Jesus wants from us, and what He asks is not easy, so either we rise to a spiritual level and become true Christians not just in words, but also in deed, or we remain as powerless humans....

It’s our decision!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Let us pray....

Lord, Move Me into the Purpose

For Which I was Created

Lord, I thank You that You have a high purpose for my life. Help me to know what that purpose is. I want to do great things for You, but I know that only You can make that happen. Only your greatness in me can accomplish great things through me. So I submit myself totally to you. I give you my life and all that I have to be used for Your glory. Amen

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