

Enlightenment Worship: Tuesday Night Live!
4/20/2015
Series: WWLD? (What Would Love Do?)

Principle Passage:

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 New International Version (NIV)

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 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. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Principle Resources: Love. Period (*Rudy Rasmus*), Crazy Love (*Francis Chan*)

"Love Must Be Learned"

Opening Premise: We are taught to hate or to love!

We are not born with either propensity. We are born with a propensity to rebel against authority, the authority of God and the authority of parents and others who rule over us.

Pastor's Point: Many people need to relearn and unlearn what they have been taught!

We can trust God on this:

1. When it comes to God loving us and sending Jesus to the cross on our behalf.
2. The Word of God to tell us the truth about the evil of Satan and our need for rejecting evil and pursuing what God says is good.
3. To give us human examples to follow and to help us know how to apply His principles. These human examples teach us to love in practical ways.

We learn our basic attitude toward life and other people from someone who has a leadership role in our life.

Examples: Parent, teacher, pastor or coach, etcetera

Leadership is a powerful sword with two sides

1. Authority (**POWER**)
2. Responsibility (**SERVING**)

LOVE is the foremost lesson a leader **MUST** teach, not some of the time, but **ALL** the time.

3 Qualities of Loving Leadership:

Love lessons from my mother/father

Even in the midst of our error prone human frailty, we can look for these things:

Consistency, Integrity and Dignity

Parenting is a leadership responsibility that encompasses every aspect of guidance, regardless of activity.

As are parents, leaders are **NOT** perfect in their own character or perfect in the way they exert leadership over us.

We are wise to choose the best leaders **NOT** because of what they might do for us, but because of what they can model for us when it comes to love or hate.

Consistency

Consistency is vital when it comes to leadership and love.

Consistency in consequences is vital as well

Integrity

Integrity is believing what you say and saying what you believe.

Leaders, parents should not put up "*false fronts*" that they are something that they are not.

Leaders, parents should not take on super hero status.

Love requires that we learn to live authentically by admitting fault, making amends and offering and receiving apologies and forgiveness.

Dignity

Dignity conveys worth. Dignity says. "I respect you because I see you as being worthy of my time and energy. I believe in you enough to want to commit my time to your improvement and betterment."

Wow!

Let's talk here.....

Helpful Hints to Love. Period

Practice accepting others no matter their situation. Resplanation needed on this.

Refuse to believe the gospel is only for a certain group of people, it makes room for everyone Jesus accepts!

Good Leaders/Lovers

Are willing, have the ability to be led/loved.

Are always looking for a better way to live/love unconditionally.

Closing Thought: Love in our hearts will lead to love in our actions. When we love in our hearts and in our actions we grow in our faith.

Next time: Love is Kind.