

Luke 11:17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a **house *divided against a house*** falleth.

Matthew 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and **every city or house *divided against itself shall not stand***:

Clearly, it is very important to the father of lies that **he cause division, division and separation, firstly within our own marriages and families, and also then in our eternal family which dwells in heavenly places.** If the demonic kingdom in the second heaven can bring faction within our own house, he knows that house cannot stand. The word of God says it clearly.

2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are **not ignorant of his devices**.

The demonic kingdom working in our flesh, and the air around us and above us are constantly working to destroy the family. They are in the unseen realm, and this is why we use faith, believing God, that is our weapon against them. **Speaking out** Gods promises, and **believing we have dominion and authority to put them under our feet.** Whether we are attacked, by them spiritually/directly, or indirectly through **people who are deceived into being used by them and obeying their negative or dark works.** We are able to fight back through faith, speaking warfare upon them to cast down their works. But first, we must come into agreement with Jesus or we will find we cannot have faith. Jesus is love, and faith is given to us by Him. If we do not abide in Love how will we have faith? Abiding in Love is abiding in Jesus. So we find a need to be obedient to Jesus instructions, to deny ourself, take up our cross, and follow Him. **Denying self is completely necessary, to walk in love. Denying self is the driving force of love,** but our flesh hates it. **Faith is found IN Jesus** and Jesus is Love. Faith is a spiritual thing, and our spirit is willing but our flesh resists. Denying self, crucifies the flesh and starves satan who relies on our pride and lusts and desires of our flesh to control us and keep us in servitude and bondage to him. We have grace to escape this bondage through Jesus Christ by faith. When we are **walking in Love we will find faith.** God is not mocked. **When we are obedient to(Jesus) Love,** we will have more and more faith to **revenge the disobedience of satan and his fallen angels and demons.**

2 Corinthians 10:6 And having in a readiness to **revenge all disobedience,** when your obedience is fulfilled.

There is strength in the family, great strength and protection, when the family functions according to the word of God. Satan knows this, and so he works tirelessly to bring division in both families, our own, and Jesus larger family, the body of Christ, the church. If he can cause **dark works** in our family, it will **weaken each member** of the family, and so also impact our heavenly family. It is very hard to abide in God and rest in The Spirit when there is disagreement and faction. The enemy wants disagreement and faction and hurt and upset. We need to learn **how to prevent evil spirits working within our families**. The enemy works with deceit, negativity and every evil. If there is a lack of unity, it does not effect just one person, but the whole family. This then effects the whole body of Christ because the members are no longer walking in the Spirit. (resentment, rejection, jealousy, envy, hatred, contentions, un-forgiveness, suspicions, blame, nastiness, self pity, wallowing, disobedience, attempting to be better/smarter than others, competing, putting others down, slander, backbiting, worthlessness, bitterness, emotional abuse, physical abuse, are just some of the devises satan wants to have us obey within our family).

2 Corinthians 12 20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed **from faith to faith:** as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

Romans 1:18 For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Romans 1 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient; **29 Being filled with all unrighteousness**, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30 Backbiters**, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: **32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that **they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**

All these are evil works and not the Love of God. Gods love is sacrificial. Not self seeking. It thinks of others. It denies self. It is not puffed up above others. We are under law and in the flesh when we walk in evil works. We fall from grace. We are then under the torment of these very things, and the curse, and the effects of the curse. To protect each other we walk in love. It requires faith in God to walk in Love. Abiding, believing and seeking God for help. Because **God is love**, it is found IN Him. A house divided cannot stand. In the Spirit we are under the protection of Gods grace. But we need each to learn to walk in grace. Reaping what we sow. To whom we obey is to whom we are servant. **We need Gods instructions on how to function** as a family, so that the family is **able to stay strong, in unity and love.** God created us, He knows how to make it work. **Why cause our own family to stumble, because of our own pride or self interest. Why make life hard for the wife, or difficult for the husband?** Make following Jesus easy for each other, **recognize and depart from dark works, Walk in Love.** Follow after Jesus and **let go of the lusts and desires and pleasures of the world which are used to divide us.** Self interest divides. God interest/seeking God, unites. Love unites. Love brings faith, to trample down our enemies. ---(Love)--- and unity brings **GREAT FAITH. satan fears it --- (God)---** more than anything else.

James 3:16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

2 Corinthians 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: **lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:**

Romans 2:8 But **unto them that are contentious**, and do not obey the truth, but **obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,**

1 Corinthians 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, **seeketh not her own**, is **not easily provoked**, thinketh no evil;

Jesus showed us grace, He died for each of us while we were yet sinners. When we are showing grace we are following Jesus. When we are enduring one an-others faults and giving grace to one another, we are walking as Jesus walked. Jesus first died for each of us, and gave each grace and forgiveness we each did not deserve. We were all in sin and each of us had, and have many faults and weaknesses, and we each fall short of Gods grace. This is why it is so important to show each other grace and bare with one an-others faults and short fallings. Because we follow Jesus, we do what he did for us, for others. Denying our flesh and any self righteousness or self justification. **We leave all judgment to God** as Jesus did whilst in His flesh.

John 8:15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

John 8:27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* **will come after me**, let him **deny himself,** and **take up his cross,** and **follow** me.

Galatians 6:2 **Bear ye one another's burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

In marriage, one may be bound up in one thing, another is bound up in another, till our Lord sets each free, as we are sanctified in our walk with The Holy Spirit. Therefore, should we point out faults, and criticize as the enemy would want? No, we show grace, we carry **each others burdens** **until** we are **each set free** from them. Jesus, our head, carried our burdens, **to follow him we each do the same**, particularly the head of the house is to set the same example. Grace is the power over sin, I need grace and you need grace. If we were each perfect there would be no need for grace, but we are not perfect. We all have different desires and interests. Evil spirits use this to cause division. One wants it this way and one wants it that way. So without love, patience, kindness, and the denying of self, there will be contention and strife. **Self interest is used to divide.** **If both persons deny self** and follow Jesus, then the separation of desires and interests will play less and less a part.

Job 40 **10** Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and **behold every one *that is proud*, and abase him.**

12 Look on **every one *that is proud*, and bring him low**; and tread down the wicked in their place.

It is the lures of the world that is **used to divide** through self interest and differences of opinion and personalities. A genuine unity and direction is found in God, in The Spirit. Abiding in God, abiding in Grace and Love. Let the world and its enticements go, give them to God, and **find purpose in God**. Self interest divides, whilst **following and seeking God brings unity and protection**. It is in love, as all members deny self and seek Gods plan, instead of their own, that a true loving relationship is possible. A **unity of purpose is found in God**, and so true joy, without separation in direction, a much easier way to avoid contention.

Philippians 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, **either were already perfect**: but **I follow after**, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

If we **think** we are stronger in the faith, we then lift those who are not. This is grace and love. **If we actually are stronger**, then we are **more able to deny self and encourage others**. **The strong are able to bare others weaknesses** with grace and love. The strong in the world boss and demand from those around them, and want things their way, and do what they want to do. The strong in the world use those around them for their own ends. But we are not of the world.

John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because **ye are not of the world**, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

The strong in God, obey Gods word, deny self, and guide those around them to do the same. **Good things** come down from our Father, **not negative things**. When we are weak (to ourself) **then we are strong**. **Denying self makes us strong in love**. Denying the worlds enticements makes us strong against the devils devises.

2 Corinthians 2 **10** To whom ye **forgive** any thing, I **forgive** also: for if I **forgave** any thing, to whom I **forgave it**, for your sakes **forgave I it** in the person of Christ; **11** Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

John 15 **10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide in my love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and **abide in his love**. **11** These things have I spoken unto you, that my **joy might remain in you**, and **that your joy might be full**.

Two people bearing each others burdens, makes both strong. When both are loving each other, in spirit, there is no place for satan, **there is simple grace.** Both denying self finding the right path through God. **Letting the world fall away** and finding purpose in God. This is where true joy is found, in Gods purpose. God is Spirit, so it is by faith, in the Spirit, that we are able to let go of the flesh and world. The joy that comes from abiding in God, is very different to the **happiness** of worldly pleasures. Following God in The Spirit, brings strength and unifies. **Grace is the power** to overcome. Gods works in an atmosphere of unity and grace. He does not work where there is faction. God gives fruitful purpose where there is grace, and where there is love, God can guide and lead both to **real peace and unity of purpose, even in diversity of tasks.** **Love and Grace IS our WEAPON.** It is mighty **IN** God.

2 Corinthians 10 **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)**

Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Love protects all. We know Gods works, they are good. satan's works are directed toward self interest. Each of us wanting and desiring something different. By all coming into agreement with Gods word and direction and purpose, peace and unity and joy can be found. **Self interest divides,** love is a walk, and therefore, we **learn and grow** in love which **constantly requires grace and the denial of self.** We are all learning and **we all need grace from each other** to grow. **We all need grace!** Grace completely blocks the enemy and starves them out, because there is no darkness in grace. Grace forgives. **Love and Grace IS our mighty WEAPON to pull down** strongholds of the enemy. **The Holy Spirit unites us,** as we obey Him, and **come into His purpose** for our lives and families lives. **Lusts and desires of the world, if we hang on to them,** will be **used to divide.** Unity is in God. **Remembering we are spirit, a new creation** in God. The flesh is crucified with Christ. **We now live to God.**

Galatians 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might **live unto God.**

Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but **alive unto God** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 2:15 **Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

Romans 15:1 **We then that are strong** ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

James 3 17 But the **wisdom that is from above** is first **pure**, then **peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18** And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that **make peace**.

Galatians 6:2 **Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law** of Christ.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient** for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

James 3 13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation **his works with meekness of wisdom. 14** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and **lie not against the truth. 15** This wisdom descendeth **not from above**, but *is* **earthly, sensual, devilish. 16** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

The devil is trying to separate and then destroy each of us, and especially families, and it is grace that sets us free. **Just as Jesus showed us grace**, then, by our showing grace, through Jesus, **those around us are set free**, because there is **no demonic work allowed to operate where there is grace**. Walking in love and grace is difficult, denying self is difficult, but it is the narrow way that Jesus showed us. **It brings us to God to seek the ability to stand strong.** Jesus is Love, there is not another way. **We refuse satan and demonic works by showing one another grace.** We refuse to allow evil spirits to destroy our relationship or marriage through Love and Grace. Letting go of self interest and looking to our higher life in God, in spirit. It is Jesus grace that sets each of us free, because it removes penalty and judgement. There is now no condemnation. Therefore we no longer judge one another, and we leave contention, just love and finding our life and purpose in God, we may have different tasks/ministries, but still Gods purpose.

Romans 2:1 Therefore **thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest**: for **wherein** thou judgest another, **thou condemnest thyself**; for **thou that judgest doest the same things.**

We each find our fulfillment in God first, then the world and self cannot overrule that purpose. This is why the **idols of self and the world must go**. Gods purpose in our life strengthens more and more, as we are sanctified from the world and its attractions. Despite faults, weaknesses and sin, which we all have(“unless we are perfect”), it is grace that overcomes and brings victory through love and unity. Our weapon of power in God! If there is grace, contention is removed, and whilst there **may be differences in what we each want and how we behave**, there is grace for forgiveness and unity and **allowance for differences. Misunderstanding** each other is also a **device** the enemy uses. Putting **suspensions and accusations joined with negative emotions to cause us to believe their lies that are placed in our minds.** It can be a very powerful deception. **Negative feelings and emotions are a favorite device the enemy uses, to bring us into agreement with the lies and negative thoughts** they implant in our minds. Only if we believe these things against grace and love. Therefore we learn to REFUSE THEM.

1 Peter 4 1 Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased** from sin; **2** That he **no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.**

Ephesians 4 25 Therefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **26** Be ye angry, and sin not: **let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.**

We are not all the same and **the devil loves us to put expectations upon one another**, according to what we ourSELF wants. God is gradually bringing both, to His purpose, but it requires patience. None of us are perfect, therefore all of us need grace. If we are seeking God with all our hearts, we will gradually come into alignment together, IN GOD. Because **God will be bringing us to this. But He can only do this as we walk in love and grace.** The devil works in negativity and darkness, God works in grace and love. God is not a God of confusion, but of peace and sound mind. Self focus will bring confusion, God focus will bring peace. **We each have God in us and we are each in Him.** It takes faith to walk in Love, we need to abide in The Holy Spirit, and **ask** for help to love, and guidance. **The flesh can't do it, our spirit can by faith.**

1 Corinthians 14 For God is **not the author of confusion, but of peace**, as in all churches of the saints.

James 3:2 For **in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and** able also to bridle the whole body.

James 1 3 Knowing *this*, that the **trying of your faith worketh patience. 4** But **let patience have her perfect work**, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

We may want things our way, but so does every one else. **It is the denying of self, by all persons**, that **allows** grace to function and operate with more ease. Following what God calls love, and not following the **worlds love, which is tied up to emotions and feelings**, which are **triggered** by the desires and lusts and pride of our flesh, and **used** to cause **re-actions according to the way we feel**. Often wrong re-actions, negative re-actions. What we feel is not necessarily what is true. Grace is the power to Love. Gods love is sacrificial. Gods love is patient. **Love is found in God**, not self. Jesus walked in grace, we also walk in Gods grace **through the power** of The Holy Spirit. We **NEED Gods help to do this**. Here following, is Love:
Gods kind.

1 Corinthians 4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; **6** rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; **7** beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Romans 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

These things are what Jesus did for each of us. Jesus is Love. Therefore, we let go of the bondage of the flesh and emotions which drag us into self. Demons work in our flesh to drag us into our emotions and so **prevent us** from denying our self. Our emotions are used to keep us from suffering long with someone bound up in a fault. Our feelings prevent us walking in grace because we feel others don't deserve grace because we **feel hurt, or unfairly treated, or pride rises up and we simply refuse to be wrong or give in.** **What we feel is not necessarily true, it may well be coupled with a lie in our mind.** It may cause deception and accusation and a **wrong perception** of others, a mis-understanding. **It is very dangerous to believe negative things**, whether they be thoughts, or emotions and feelings, because we know darkness is of the devil. Darkness **is deception**, it is not in or from God. Therefore, resist it! That is love. God is Light.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; **hold fast that which is good.**

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from **every form of evil.**

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you.

Feelings and emotions are very very very powerful, especially when joined with negative thoughts and suspicions and assumptions. **If we give in to them, and believe them, we re-act in a negative way.** satan's works! Being steered by our emotions and many times lying suggestions and subtle accusations in our minds, by evil spirits and believing the enemy. Steered by rejection or past trauma or pain or pride or self protection or what we **believe is right in our own eyes**, or many other things. All held in most times because we have not fully forgiven, or are hanging on to emotional pain or past emotional abuse. **Un-forgiveness is a terrible torment, because it allows the enemy TO STAY and torment more.** A wrong re-action takes us out of grace and gives place to the devil. Then contention has good ground to take root. Both people may then be in opposition to each other and unity disappears, **because of the absence of grace.**

Matthew 18 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, **I forgave thee all that debt**, because thou desiredst me: **33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion** on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? **34** And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay** all that was due unto him.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;**

John 15:4 **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Abiding in The Spirit empowers us to walk in **Grace which overcomes** any evil trying to rise up in each of us, any self that remains, and **it prevents the works of darkness** destroying and dividing our house. "A house divided shall not stand." Love bears the cross for others and **it works both ways** and for all. **Two walking together in grace in Gods purpose** cannot be separated. There is Peace and Joy IN God. Gods supernatural love and joy will be there.

Ephesians 4 27 Neither give place to the devil.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross, and **follow** me.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are **bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in **your spirit**, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you*, which ye have of God, **and ye are not your own?**

Mark 8:35 For **whosoever will save his life shall lose it**; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, **the same shall save it**.

Romans 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be **likeminded one toward another** according to Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, **of one mind**.

Romans 11 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; **18** Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. **19** Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. **20** Well; **because of unbelief** they were broken off, and **thou standest by faith**. Be not highminded, **but fear**: **21** For if God spared not the natural branches, **take heed** lest he also spare not thee. **22** Behold therefore the **goodness and severity of God**: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **IF thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off**.

Grace is a gift and Jesus gave it to us for free. So when we deny self and give grace as a gift, as Jesus has done, then contention, resentment, and un-forgiveness can not take hold. We deny self, we deny demonic feelings(negative feelings) and we deny negative thoughts and accusations, and any foothold of bitterness or un-forgiveness. Letting go of self interest which so easily is used by the enemy to bring contention and resentment. These keep us from walking in the spirit. **Cast the accuser down**, put the enemy under foot. Let our testimony be that we cast the accuser down, and **overcame by the blood of the lamb**, and **loved not our (self) life to the death**. **Dwell in heaven(abide in Gods grace in spirit)**, not on the earth. Great wrath is coming to the **inhabiters** of the earth. But **we are spirit(we dwell in heaven)** and we **remain in the vine**. Refuse satan's lies, don't be found being an accuser of the brethren, especially in our own family. In mind or word. Negative things are from the enemy. Grace is from God.

Acts 2:35 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

Revelation 12 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and *ye that dwell in them.* **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!** for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Grace and love keeps us in the spirit. We are tested this way, by our own families and friends. Will we show grace and walk in love? or will we allow the works of darkness to **take root** or **stay rooted** in our flesh. **If we do not bear the fruit of Love(JESUS),** we will find ourselves **unable to understand spiritual things** and grow in our faith. Is Jesus forming in us? God is spirit and God is Love. To understand God we need to **learn** of love. If we don't, we will remain babes. Spiritual babies. We are a new creation and we are dead to the works of the flesh. As we deny our self and our feelings and emotions, we are set free to walk in unity with those around us. As we each deny what **we want,** and learn to **look to the needs of others, love grows.** **We are spiritual beings now** and not carnal. Born again into Gods kingdom and family and that is **our hope.** Keep the end in view, **our whole life(spirit) and future,** is in Heaven and in God. Love grows through grace which comes through denying self and walking in The Spirit. We belong to God, we deny self, and clean up His temple through love, and come into the unity of the mind of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3 17 Now **the Lord is that Spirit:** and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own? 20** For ye are **bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, **to give you an expected end.**

John 17 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, **that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **3** **And this is life eternal, that they might know thee** the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Jesus brings the Father glory in and through us(His works), as we come into our testimony of His Love in our lives. **It is Gods glory, but we get the privilege of bringing glory to God, through His Son, who is in us.** If the husband is walking in The Spirit(denying self, walking in grace) and the wife is walking in The Spirit(denying self, walking in grace) then the Holy Spirit is able to bring both into agreement. If we let our own plans go (denying self) and **we find our purpose in Gods plans for our lives**(awesome plans) we have then unity of purpose and direction **in God.** Not separation and division through **self** interests. And **God is then Glorified IN US.** The Holy Spirit has brought us to a place where **we will to do, and do His will.** We are coming into agreement more and more in The Spirit, **together with God.**

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to *them that love God*, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

When we walk in the Spirit we **each have that same mind** and so we **have the same goal and hope and purpose**. Even if God has different things for each to do, it all works together in God for good. God, **through** us, **showing grace** to each of us, **through** each of us, is **able to bring us to the same unity** in the **same Mind** with the **same purpose**. **Jesus** in us is doing this, it is not our self effort, but Jesus, **through our faith**. **When we surrender self to God, The Spirit is able to work love through us**, and glorify God in us. Our hope is in God. We are born again and we are spiritual beings IN GOD. The world falls away as Gods love begins to make what the world offers, worthless junk in comparison.

Philippians 3 **7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **8** Yea doubtless, and **I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus** my Lord: **for whom I have suffered the loss of all things**, and **do count them but dung**, that I may win Christ,

Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

1 Peter 4 **1** Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us** in the flesh, arm yourselves **likewise with the same mind**: for **he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin**; **2** That he **no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, BUT to the will of God**.

If husband and wife **are both** truly seeking God and the things of God, then God will be able to **bring them both** into **His plan**. When we **deny our own carnal plan**, and live to God, God is able to first bring unity and then direction to the marriage and also then to the family. And then to the larger body of Christ family. Remembering we are bought with a price, we are not our own. We are crucified with Christ. God has a plan for our families and marriages. The whole plan operates **through love** and **denial of self**. **Both spouses together, walking in love and showing grace to each other. Until that unity of mind in God is reached. God knows the desires of our heart and so both husband and wife will find fulfillment in Gods purpose.** Grace and Love. Denying selves. It is a walk with God. Just as Jesus said, we now say, "I come to do thy will O God". We deny self, just as Jesus, take up our cross and follow. Our hope is in heaven and in Jesus, a letting go of the flesh life so it can no longer lure us into division, that we may be able to live to God. **Jesus denied himself to save each of us. If we deny ourselves, Jesus can do the same! again! through us!** He has a plan for our lives & marriages to do this. **Jesus still wants to reach the lost. Through us!** Jesus does it **through us! through our family and through the church. And it is by faith in things unseen.**

Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, **that ye be likeminded**, having the same love, *being of one accord*, of one mind.

Jeremiah 29 12 **THEN** shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go **and pray unto me**, and **I will hearken unto you**. **13** And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, *when* ye shall search for me with all your heart. **14** And **I will be found of you**, saith the LORD: and I will **turn away your captivity**, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Romans 5 6 For **when we were yet without strength**, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners**, **Christ died for us**. **9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **10** For if, **when we were enemies**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Jesus loves His church. He is the Head but He shows such love. Jesus does everything in love. He lifts us and encourages us and leads and guides us in all truth. Jesus never forces us because He gave us free will. God may chastise us and correct us but only in Love, not revenge or anger. He does it to keep us in the truth **for our sake**. Jesus suffers long with us, he seeks our good, not his own, he bears all things with us, and forgives our faults and sin and short fallings, Jesus is patient and kind, He endures all things as He guides us to all truth. He forgives our mistakes and faults, and things we do not understand in our ignorance. He gives us grace upon grace and guides us in the right way. Jesus is gentle and kind. Jesus gave up His life for us, He denied himself, giving us, **especially men, who are the head of the house, the example of HOW to love their wife**, (as He loves each of us), and **how to lead their own house**. How much He loves His church. Jesus died for His Church, He died for us, while we were not perfect. He shows love even in faults, even when we walk contrary to Him we have grace from Him. Jesus still gives us grace right up to the day of redemption **as we walk with Him in a upright heart**. In spirit and in truth. Jesus is the Head of The Church. **This is how Christ loved the church.**

Ephesians 5:25 **Husbands, love your wives**, even as **Christ also loved the church**, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head** of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because **he first loved us**.

If husbands are to love wives as Christ loved the church, we see that Jesus went first. He loved us first, before we loved Him. He showed His love and grace, that **we may also** be able to walk in love and grace. He did not put us under law and condemnation, but released us from these. Jesus set us free, and continually shows us grace, as he **gently leads and guides each of us** in the right way. So **Jesus instructs men to love the wife as He loved us.** He died for us, He gave up His life for us. **Husbands, *love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church,*** As Jesus loved us and gave up his life, men also give up their life for the wife. Letting go of the flesh and self and the world. Denying self and walking in love. The husband is the head of the family, and so **is the example to lead the family and guide the family, as The Holy Spirit leads him.** God is the Head, the **husband follows God,** and the **wife submits to the husband.** God is the Head and so is leading both, and both are submitting to God.

Romans 8 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** 14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God,** they are the sons of God.

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, **these also doeth the Son likewise.**

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an **help meet for him.**

As the head of the family, it is the responsibility of the man to find direction from God, through the Holy Spirit. To keep safe from deception. Men listen to and follow the Spirit of The Father as Jesus did, in relationship with God. Men therefore lead and guide the family through the Word and by the Spirit, and not by the flesh and carnal mind. Following their spiritual purpose, not their carnal desires and purpose. The wife is given by God to be mans help and support **in this** and the man is given to the wife in marriage. The two work together for Gods purpose, not their own purposes. So we see as the husband loves and supports his wife, following and seeking God, and The Holy Spirits leading, the wife becomes one with him and supports him in this. They help each other. She is also listening to God in relationship and working together with the husband. So the two become one flesh, walking in love and grace toward each other, seeking God and following the Spirit. Both have relationship with God and so as they work in unity and purpose, together, in The Mind of Christ. **The man is finding Gods direction and not his own direction.** We see God is the Head, leading the head of the family, the man, who has the help of the wife. **So God is leading the whole family.** The devil loves to destroy marriages. But with God, man and woman, **all three working IN Love** he cannot. All of it through love and grace. Husband and wife, denying themselves and walking with God in The Spirit. God is the head, the man follows The Holy Spirit, the wife supports the husband in this walk. The two become one flesh in God. A three fold relationship working in Gods will. Where there is Love and Grace in this threefold relationship, the devil cannot gain a foothold. The husband and wife form a strong support of one another. If husband and wife are divided, they are alone, because God works in love. But there is grace to bring unity. satan works to bring in **division and separation of purpose.** This is why both need Gods purpose, there is then no confusion. satan wants two selfs, who both want different worldly things. He wants to prevent two working together as one flesh, in the spirit. He wants to pull both down into flesh and self. satan does not want us following The Holy Spirit.

Ecclesiastes 4 9 Two are better than one; because **they** have a good reward for their labour. **10** For if they fall, the **one will lift up his fellow:** but **woe to him that is alone** when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up. **11** Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*? **12** And if one prevail against him, **two shall withstand him;** and **a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

Matthew 19 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? **6** Wherefore they are **no more twain, but one flesh.** What therefore God hath joined together, **let not man put asunder.**

If the husband walks selfishly and in **his own way**, he is putting asunder what God has made one. **There is a joining together in God** and in love, and love is the denial of self. We are born again in spirit and **it requires the Spirit to lead the family**, the man being head. To fully follow Jesus, **both husband and wife** must deny self, take up their cross and follow Jesus. **As both die to the world and sin and self, they come into alignment with God.** And there is agreement. In grace and love together with God. God is in relationship with them both, with the responsibility and example being set by the husband, to lead, and with the responsibility on the wife to help and support the husband in this. Both are then strong together. The love and support of the wife greatly strengthens the husband against attacks and deceptions of the enemy, and **the husband is a covering and protection for the wife, as she strengthens the husband.** Both are protected by God because they are under grace (**showing grace**, not in the flesh). Where love is operating, evil spirits cannot destroy. **All this falls to pieces with strife and contention and both become vulnerable, -fall from grace.** Strife and contention is devils working in flesh. But we are spiritual.

Ephesians 5 25 Husbands, **love your wives, even as Christ also loved** the church, and **gave himself** for it; **26** **That he might sanctify and cleanse it** with the washing of water by the word, **27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. **28** ***So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.***

As men obey God in loving their wife, as Jesus first loved us, it is then far easier for the wife to also obey the instructions given to her. **Why cause your own wife to stumble.** Why allow the devil a foothold to destroy the marriage and family.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 2 1 Therefore **thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest:** for **wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself;** for thou that judgest doest the same things. **2** But we are sure that the **judgment of God is according to truth against them** which commit such things. **3** **And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?**

A wife who is loved and cherished by her husband, is much more able to submit to him, knowing He is following and submitting to The Lord Jesus Headship. The husband is submitting to God and so she is submitting to God through the husband. Both are actually submitting to God. She can safely trust to follow the husbands headship. God is the head. The husband is walking in love and grace toward his wife, **as Jesus is giving love and grace to the husband**, and the wife is doing the exact same. Sowing in love and reaping love and the fruit of it. In God.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The responsibility to lead is the mans, but the mans responsibility is to keep the family safely on the right path in God. And to avoid deception. And to give the example as Jesus gave each of us. God has anointed the man for this role, and **he can not abdicate it**. He is able because he was created to be able by God. To abdicate the headship is to put the family in danger of deception. To give the headship away is to abdicate. The husband needs the unity with the wife so that love is operating. Because God works in Love. Both can hear God more clearly then. With both hearing God and sharing, the man has more clarity to choose direction and the correct path. They are one flesh. God works in both, and in Love. satan works in separation and selfs.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

1 Corinthians 11 **8** For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. **9** Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. **10** For this cause ought the woman to have power on *her* head because of the angels. **11** **Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.** **12** For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

Ephesians 5 **22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as** unto the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. **24** Therefore **as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.**

James 3 **13** **Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge** among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. **14** But if ye have **bitter envying and strife in your hearts**, glory not, and **lie not against the truth.** **15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. **16** For where envying and strife is, there *is* **confusion and every evil work.**

James 2:12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be **judged by the law of liberty.**

Where there is strife, there is confusion. If there is confusion, then there is **vulnerability to deception**, and destruction follows deception. Where there is an absence of love and kindness and patience and meekness, there will be a door for the enemy to enter in and bring first deception, and then destruction. **Remembering Jesus came to serve and not to be served. Husbands should keep this in mind** setting **the example** for the wife. If we follow Jesus, the husband serves and the wife serves. As Christ loved the Church. The Holy Spirit is always leading the family into Jesus image. To form Christ in us. The fruit of The Spirit is to Love.

2 Thessalonians 2:10 And **with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;** because they received not the love of the truth, that they **might be saved.**

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

John 13:34 A new **commandment** I give unto you, That **ye love one another;** as I have loved you, that ye also **love one another.**

Matthew 20:28 even as the Son of Man came **not to be served but to serve,** and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things **whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:** for **this is the law and the prophets.**

James 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself,** ye do well:

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself.**

1 Peter 3 **1** Likewise, ye wives, **be in subjection to your own husbands;** that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; **2** While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. **3** Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; **4** But **let it be the hidden man of the heart,** in that which is not corruptible, **even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.** **5** For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: **6** Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. **7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, **giving honour unto the wife,** as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered.**

God works in love and when there is grace, honor and love and meekness and unity, then there is no **hindrance to prayers** and there is peace. Submission is easier where love is. Jesus came to serve, He showed us the Father and He showed us the way. Jesus makes it easy for us to submit through His grace and love toward us. So for the wife's sake, husbands show grace and love as Jesus shows grace and love. And so reap grace and love. We reap what we sow. Sow the same thing that we want from God. It is in unity that great strength and protection comes in God. **It is in unity that great destruction comes upon our enemy. It is in unity that Jesus can bring that destruction on the enemy through us. As he forms in us. And works in us.**

Colossians 3 **18** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. **19** Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. **20** Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. **21** Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Exodus 23:25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:10 **28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. **29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:** **30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see that* she reverence her husband.

1 Corinthians 13 **4** Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; **6** rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; **7** beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

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Ecclesiastes 12 **13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. **14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.