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HOPEFUL HEART
ENDURING HEART
AFFECTIONATE HEART
RESTED HEART
TRUSTING HEART

AFFECTIONATE HEART

Aptitude of Affection
Attitude of Affection
Action of Affection

Aptitude of Affection: Love

Love includes:

1. Love for God based on the love of God; &
2. Love for others as we love ourselves.

“We are shaped by what we love.”

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Biblical Basis of Love for God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

MARK 12:30

Biblical Basis of the Love of God

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in in shall not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 JOHN 4:8

Biblical Basis of Love for Others

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

MARK 12:31

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

1 JOHN 4:7a

Attitude of Affection: *Humility*

Humility means:

1. Not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less; and
2. Considering others better than yourself.

“I used to think that God’s gifts were placed on shelves one above another, and the taller we grow, the easier we can reach them. Now I find that God’s gifts are put on shelves one beneath another, and the lower we stoop, the more we get.”

F. B. MEYER

Biblical Basis of Humility

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

4 Reasons why the Philippians could have struggled with pride:

1. Philippi was considered a mini-Rome;
2. It enjoyed the Italic right of full Roman citizenship, including tax exemption;
3. It had rich reserves of gold and silver; and
4. It boasted of many lush hills & fresh fountains.

It's as if Paul told the Philippians:

“Don't glory in your Roman citizenship. Don't glory in your rich reserves of gold & fresh fountains, or in your fantasies of importance. These sources of pride are all empty in content & they only lead you toward self-conceit.”

It's as if Paul told the Philippians:

“On the other hand, be humble in mind – not that you are to have a false or unrealistic view of yourselves. But when it comes to the consideration of others, it must precede concern for others.”

Action of Affection: *Obedient Service*

Service includes:

1. Using our S.H.A.P.E. to benefit others; and
2. Acting on God's will that gives Him pleasure.

“The seeds of happiness, if has been truly said, grow most strongly in the soil of service.”

J. I. PACKER, *God's Plans for You*

Biblical Basis of Obedient Service

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.

EPHESIANS 6:6-7

GROUP DISCUSSION #1

1. The affectionate heart has love, humility, and obedient service. In your opinion, how are the three inter-related?
2. Share an instance when God through someone showed His love to you?

Jesus' First Example of AFFECTION

DOING THE FATHER'S WILL

(i.e., His obedience in life)

John 4:34; cf. Mark 3:35; 14:36b

Jesus' Affection to Do the Father's Will

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

JOHN 4:34

For Jesus, doing the Father's will was counter-cultural. Jesus talked with a:

1. Samaritan;
2. Woman; and
3. Immoral person.

For Jesus, doing the Father's will was counter-intuitive. Jesus took the time to help the Samaritan woman know who he really was. He took the woman through a 7-part pathway that was unique to her and her situation. Note the woman's changing attitudes toward Jesus:

7-Part Process of the Samaritan Woman's Change of Heart toward Jesus:

1. Insulting (John 4:9);
2. Indifferent (John 4: 11-12);
3. Interested (John 4:15);
4. Introspective (John 4:17);
5. Insightful (John 4:19-20);
6. Inspired (John 4:25); and
7. Inviting (John 4:28-29).

The Result of Doing the Father's Will

Overwhelming Response of the Samaritans to the Testimony of the Woman:

1. Inquisitive (John 4:30);
2. Internalized (John 4: 39);
3. Inviting (John 4:40-41); and
4. Instructed (John 4:42);

... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields? They are ripe for harvest. ... I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.

JOHN 4:35-38

Jesus' Teaching to Do the Father's Will

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.

JOHN 4:35-38

GROUP DISCUSSION #2

1. Why do you think it's important to do God's will in developing an affectionate heart?
2. Share your story or a story you know of someone who did God's will and saw an amazing response as a result.

Jesus' Second Example of AFFECTION

LOVING THE LOST, LEAST, AND LAST

(i.e., His affection for the unlovable & unloving)

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus' Affection to Love the Lost

The **LOST** refers to the people in society who were wayward and worldly in their way of life, and who find themselves distracted, distant, and detached from God.

Three Parables of the "Lost" (Luke 15)

1. Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7);
2. Parable of the Lost Silver (Luke 15:8-10); and
3. Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32).

The 3 parables all affirm that there is great rejoicing in heaven when one person repents (Luke 15:7, 10, 32; 5:29-30; 15:1; 19:10).

Jesus Values Each Person Incomparably

The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7) highlights the importance of 1 lost sheep, compared to the 99 that are already in a safe place. The 1 lost sheep might be frightened, confused, & perhaps injured – requiring carrying & caring (15:5).

Like a Good Shepherd, Jesus shows the value of a person, when He initiates the search for the lost one. Let's value others, as Jesus values them.

Jesus Seeks Each Person Intensely

The Parable of the Lost Silver (Luke 15:8-10) stresses the woman's intense effort to look for the valuable coin. The silver coin (*or drachma*) is a Greek coin equal to about a day's wage). The mention of the 10 coins implies that they were all she had.

Her drive to seek the coin was intense – lighting a lamp, sweeping, & searching carefully (15:8b). Like her, Jesus came to seek & save what was lost (19:10). Let's seek others, as Jesus sought them.

Jesus Waits for Each Person Intently

The Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32) emphasizes the compassion (15:20b) of the father, who kept waiting for his lost son, until the latter came to his senses (15:17a). The father welcomed his son unconditionally (15:22) with a robe (reserved for a guest of honour), ring (signifying authority), & sandals (used by a free man).

He threw a grand party (15:23) with a fattened calf (fit for a special occasion). Like a father, God loves people fully. Let's love others unconditionally, as Jesus did.

Jesus' Affection to Love the Least

The **LEAST** refers to the people who are considered worthless in society because of their status or state of life (e.g., orphans; widows; strangers; Samaritans; Gentiles; the people sick with leprosy, dropsy; etc.). Jesus does not only love the lost, but also the least.

- Jesus Helps the Hurting (Luke 14:1-4)

The frequent occurrences of meals (5:29; 7:36; 11:37; 14:1; cf. 14:15; 22:7-8, 15-16) & food (4:3-4; 7:33-34; 9:16-17; 11:3, 5, 11-12; 12:19, 22; 15:1-2; 17:28; 19:7; 24:30-31, 40-43) in the Gospel bring key lessons. Having meals together connote friendship, fellowship, & family.

Having meals are also the context to show acts of mercy, kindness, & service (14:2-4). For Jesus, it was important to heal a man with dropsy (i.e., abnormal retention of fluids in tissues caused by kidney or liver ailments) on a Sabbath (cf. 6:9). Let's be sensitive to the hurting & help them!

- Jesus Harbors the Hard-Up (Luke 14:12-14)

The hyperbole (i.e. figure of speech that exaggerates to emphasize a lesson; cf. 14:26) of 14:12 teaches the lesson that inviting friends & family does not qualify as a spiritual act of selfless service & true charity (since there is reciprocal recompense for that act).

But serving the LEAST in Luke 14:13 who cannot return the favour (i.e., the poor; crippled; lame; blind) is a gesture of blessing (cf. Deut. 14:28-19), which brings treasure in the future (Lk. 14:14; cf. 12:21; Matt. 6:20). Let's serve the undeserving & underprivileged!

Jesus' Affection to Love the Last

The **LAST** refers to the people who are considered outcasts in society because of their wicked walk and work in life (e.g., tax-collectors; sinners; prostitutes; shepherds). Jesus does not only love the lost and least, but also the last.

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

LUKE 15:1

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. . . Complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?”

LUKE 5:30

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

LUKE 5:31

“tax collectors” – Jews who collected Roman taxes for profit

“sinners” – Jews who are irreligious and did not practice their Jewish religion

| <u>PEOPLE</u> | <u>PERSONALITY</u> | <u>POTENTIAL</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Lost | Wayward & Wordly | Found |
| Least | Worthless | Favored |
| Last | Wicked in Walk/Work | First |

GROUP DISCUSSION #3

1. In your own context and community, who can you consider as lost, last, and least?
2. What concrete step can you take to love these who are lost, last, and least?

DEVELOPING AFFECTION

1. Remain in Jesus (John 15:5, 7-10)

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:7-8

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

JOHN 15:9-10

- Move from Fruit to More Fruit by Pruning (John 15:1-3)

Jesus wants us to move from bearing fruit to bearing more fruit (of character, care, competence). The way that he facilitates this movement of growth is through pruning:

“... while every branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful”

JOHN 15:2b

In the Mediterranean world then, pruning was necessary to maximize grape production and to ensure the ripening of the fruit (cf. Isa. 18:5). The discipline of discipleship involves the discipleship of discipline (cf. Heb. 12:3-11). Let God prune us, so that we bear more fruit!

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- Move from MORE Fruit to MUCH Fruit by Remaining (John 15:4-15)

Jesus wants us to move from bearing more fruit to bearing much fruit (15:5, 8). The way that he facilitates this movement of growth is through remaining in Jesus (i.e., sharing his mind and will), which involves his word remaining in us (15:7) and remaining in Jesus' love (15:10b) through obedience (15:10a).

This results in answered prayer (15:7, 16b), complete joy (15:12), and loyal friendship (15:13-15). Let's remain in Jesus, so that we bear much fruit!

- Move from MUCH Fruit to Fruit that LASTS by Loving (John 15:16-17)

Jesus wants us to move from bearing much fruit to bearing fruit that lasts (15:16). The way that he facilitates this movement of growth is through mutual loving (15:12a, 17).

Jesus chose and appointed us to bear lasting fruit; that why we are called to "love each other," according to the way Jesus loved His disciples (15:12b). Let's love one another, so we that we bear fruit that lasts!.

GROUP DISCUSSION #4

1. What means of pruning (e.g., problem; pain; pressure) did God use in your life to make you bear more fruit? What did you learn about God in that period of pruning?

2. Love Not the World (1 John 2:15–17)

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what one has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 JOHN 2:15-16

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 JOHN 2:17

Worldly Way

Lust of the Flesh

Lust of the Eyes

Pride of Life

Description

Passion; Sex

Possession; Security

Position; Success

Worthy Way

Integrity

Generosity

Humility

3. Show UNLI Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,
it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not
easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.*

*It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

16 Descriptions of Love from the Love Chapter

Love is PATIENT

First, “love is patient.” Let’s learn the capacity to be wronged and not retaliate; be willing to suffer long.

- Patience is love’s self-restraint.

*Patience is the spirit which could take revenge,
if it liked, but utterly refuses to do so.*

CHRYSOSTOM

Love is KIND

Second, “**love is kind.**” Let’s learn to serve one another cheerfully.

You can accomplish by kindness what you cannot by force.

PUBLIUS SYRUS

Love *does not* ENVY

Third, love “**does not envy.**” Let’s learn to share the joy of each other’s success.

Jealousy and **envy** are often used interchangeably, but there is a difference between the two.

ENVY begins with empty hands, mourning for what it does not have.

JEALOUSY begins with full hands, but is threatened by the loss of its plenty. It is the pain of losing what we have to someone else, in spite all of our efforts to keep it.

Let’s not be envious nor jealous.

Love *does not* BOAST

Fourth, love “**does not boast.**” Let’s learn to help one another not become a windbag, full of air.

Love is *not* PROUD

Fifth, love “**is not proud.**” Let’s learn to help promote others, not ourselves.

According to *Life* magazine, **Muhammed Ali**, one of the greatest heavyweight boxing champions of the world, spoke of himself before his 1971 fight with **Joe Frazier** this way:

“There seems to be some confusion. We’re gonna clear this confusion up on March 8. We’re gonna decide once and for all who is king! There’s not a man alive who can whup me.

(He jabs the air with half a dozen blinding lefts.)

I’m so smart. *(He taps his head.)*

I’m so pretty. *(He lifts his head high in profile, turning as a bust on a pedestal.)*

I AM the greatest. I AM the king! I should be on a postage stamp – that’s the only way I could be licked!”

Ali lost to Frazier in that fight.

Let’s not fall into the trap where Ali fell.

Love is *not* RUDE

Sixth, love “**is not rude.**” Let’s learn to refrain from what will disgrace and dishonor others.

Love is *not* SELF-SEEKING

Seventh, love “**is not self-seeking.**” Let’s learn to resist selfishly insisting our own way.

Love is *not* EASILY ANGERED

Eighth, love “**is not easily angered.**” Let’s learn to extend our fuse to one another.

Love KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

Ninth, love “**keeps no record of wrongs.**” Let’s learn not to harbor a sense of injury, forgiving others from the heart.

Love DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

Tenth, “**love does not delight in evil.**” Let’s learn to take no joy in evil of any kind.

Love REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

Eleventh, love “**rejoices with the truth.**” Let’s learn to take time to graciously help people face up to their wrong.

Love ALWAYS PROTECTS

Twelfth, love “**always protects.**” Let’s learn to practice not giving way easily; endure.

Love ALWAYS TRUSTS

Thirteenth, love “**always trusts.**” Let’s learn to practice the readiness to see the best in others and be eager to believe the best in them. Love believes all things.

Love ALWAYS HOPES

Fifteenth, love “**always hopes.**” Let’s learn to never give up on others, even if they give up on themselves.

Love ALWAYS PERSEVERES

Sixteenth, love “**always perseveres.**” Let’s learn to remain steadfast in the face of unpleasant circumstances.

Remember: the pair of snails reached Noah’s ark by perseverance.

These 16 descriptions of love at its best may be a mouthful for us now, but don’t worry, we have a lifetime to chew on these expressions of UNLI love.

GROUP DISCUSSION # 5

1. Which expression of UNLI love do you find easiest to do? Why?
2. Which expression of UNLI love do you find hardest to do? Why?

EXPERIENCE

Assignment:

1. Review the 2 examples of Affection of Jesus for this coming week. Then answer this question: “How can I follow his example in my walk, work, & ministry?”
2. How can you show one expression of UNLI love per day for the next 14 days (based on 1 Cor. 13:4-7)?

