



# THE PROCLAIMER

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## What is Love?

Love, a word that has meaning and depth beyond what our mind can comprehend. Love, without it, life is miserable and can't exist for long without it.

Love is pure, kind, patient, never envious or boils over with jealousy.

Love is not conceited, arrogant and inflated with pride. It is not rude and does not act unbecomingly. Love does not insist on it's own rights or it's own way, for it is not self-seeking. It is not touchy or fretful or resentful.

Love doesn't take into account the evil done to it and pays no attention to a suffered wrong.

Love rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes. It's ever ready to believe the best in every person. Love is fadeless under all circumstances and endures everything without weakening.

Love always seeks truth and stands upon it. Love can only operate in truth and not falsehood. Love will expose sin and untruths because God is love and we can never lie to Him. He knows all truth and no matter what we do He sees and if we profess to love one another, the truth always shows forth.

Deception is the opposite of love because it's untruth. You cannot operate in both at the same time. Deception kills and destroys life and love because it is sin.

Love is light as God is light. With love everything appears different and when we walk in love putting God as our first love, we will not live in deception.

Love exposes darkness and then it has no hold or grip on our lives.

Love in secular relationships works the way our relationship with the Lord works. If we love Him we cannot lie to Him and even if we tried, the love in Him exposes the darkness in our lives.

Love gives us the ability to see the best in others and within ourselves. Love keeps us focused on the important things in life and love motivates us to keep going even when we see no reason to do so.

Put love at the forefront of your life and live. Everyone can find someone to love. Give of yourself and you are giving love. The more you give, the more you will get back in return.

For God so loved (John 3:16) He gave it all, sacrificed all that we could walk free of sin. You cannot truly love and continue to sin or deceive because love will convict you of any wrong doing in your heart. What do people see when they look at you? Can they see God's love operating in your life? Do they see honesty and true caring for the other person?

Allow God's love to shine forth from your heart. Let all those around you sense God's presence in your life. Love never fails!



## The Heart

The heart is a fascinating creation of God. Without correct functioning the body would not sustain life. It pumps relentlessly, forcing the blood through the body with oxygen and life.

Our emotional heart is also vital to our life process. It is the center of what we believe and how we act and react to life's situations.

If that heart has been conditioned to pump positive thoughts and God's word into it, then, when it is under stress, it will feed throughout the body what has been fed into it. On the other hand, if fear, doubt, unbelief and negative words of the world are constantly fed to the heart, then that is what it will pump throughout our being.

We always have the choice to select what moves us emotionally, and even physically over time.

Allow your heart to hope, rejoice, laugh and love. Let God's word be the plan you follow and affect every decision you make.

Pray often for direction and a healthy heart.

Remember, the master physician created it and He knows best how to keep it healthy. Take His prescription daily!

## Going the Extra Mile—A sign of Love

The world says do what you have to and leave the rest for the next person.

Love says go beyond what is expected of you and do everything as you would want others to do and do it as unto the Lord.

Having a spirit and heart of love sets a person apart from the everyday, ordinary one who just always does what is necessary. The heart of love will continue to work and give of self even after most have quit. Love never quits or gives up until the job is finished. Love doesn't demand anything in return.

Love delights in going beyond what is necessary because love always presents a giving, caring heart. Love never holds grudges and is always quick to forgive. Sometimes the offense could be justified but love refuses to take it to heart and will always continue to forgive.

Your attitude toward situations and the other people will portray the degree of love you are walking in.

How do you act and react when things go wrong and you could be very upset and angry? Do you act on those feelings or do you act on God's word that says, love doesn't take account of wrong done?

When another person wrongs or hurts you, how do you react? Love never retaliates against another. It respects the other person's rights and beliefs even if they are right or wrong.

Love always goes the extra mile —love never ceases—love is eternal—everlasting and forever.

Walk the extra mile—you won't be alone. God will be with you every step of the way.

## Love—What really matters! A Paradox of Our Time

The paradox of our time in history is  
That we have taller buildings,  
But shorter tempers;  
Wider freeways,  
But narrower viewpoints;  
We spend more, but have less  
We buy more, but enjoy it less.  
We have bigger houses and smaller families;  
More conveniences,  
But less time;  
We have more degrees, but less sense;  
More knowledge, but less judgment;  
More experts, but less solution  
More medicine, but less wellness  
We have multiplied possessions,  
But reduced our values,  
We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often.  
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;  
We've added years to life, not life to years.  
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but  
Havre trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.  
We've conquered outer space,  
But not inner space;  
We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul;  
We've split the atom, but not our prejudice.  
We have higher incomes,  
But lower morals;  
We've become long quantity, but short quality.  
These are times of tall men,  
And short character;  
Steep profits and shallow relationships.  
These are times of world peace, but domestic warfare;  
More leisure, but less fun;  
More kinds of food, but less nutrition.  
These are days of two incomes,  
But more divorce;  
Of fancier houses, but broken homes.  
It is a time when there is much in the show window  
And nothing in the showroom.  
This is the time when technology can bring this letter to you,  
This is a time to think,  
If your name is written in the book of life????  
Just know that the only way to go is Christ's way!!!!!!

**Love Never Fails**  
**Try it you won't be sorry you did!**



## *From My Heart*

By the time you read this newsletter it will be Valentine's Day or past it.. It is never to late, however to show your love for those around you. If you have a spouse, it is a wonderful time to show your love for them in unique ways that you don't ordinarily do. If you don't have anyone in particular to show love to, then find someone who needs to know they are loved.

We all have need of love and to know that someone cares for us. Not only are you making that person feel good but it will leave you with a wonderful feeling and joy that you shared the love in your heart with another and changed their life.

That's what Jesus did for us when he gave his life that we could live eternally. God loved us so much that He gave His son. Can we just be willing to reach out to those around us to let them know we really love them with the love of the Lord?

Make every day Valentine's Day, by making those around you feel special and important. The human soul craves the feeling of being needed and having a purpose in life. By a kind word, a deed, a card or simply a smile, you may be the difference in how a person looks at himself that day. Let the love of the Lord radiate to others in everything you do.....remember God is Love.....and if we are in Him and He in us then that love will flow out to all around us and the joy of the Lord will fill our own heart.

God bless you and may you give and receive the Love of the Lord this month and every day of your life. God loves you and so do I.

Blessings, Phyllis Evans