

B. Love Receives God's Reward

- **Benefit:** God honors and rewards those who choose love even when mistreated.
- **Problem if neglected:** Bitterness robs believers of peace, joy, and future rewards.

Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV) — For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Practical Application: Practice love deliberately—pray for those who oppose you, act kindly when wronged, and expect God's reward. Keep your love hot through worship and Word meditation.

Quote: "The measure of our love is the measure of our victory." — Andrew Murray

Summary

- Love activates faith
- Love fulfills God's law and matures us
- Love keeps faith, prayer, and peace effective
- Love brings boldness, victory, and reward

Confession: "I walk in the love of God today. His love flows through me, making my faith effective, my prayers powerful, and my heart fearless. I choose to forgive, to bless, and to serve in love, for God's love never fails.

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Point 1 – Love Is the Foundation of True Faith

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV) — For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Paul's statement literally means:

"Faith is energized, activated, and made effective by love."

1 Corinthians 13:2 (NKJV) — And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

A. Love Energizes Faith

- **Benefit:** When we walk in love, our faith is active, prayers are effective, and we remain sensitive to God's voice.
- **Problem if neglected:** Without love, faith becomes powerless, producing frustration and spiritual dryness.

James 2:17 (NKJV) — Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

B. Love Connects Us to God's Nature

1 John 4:16 (NKJV) -- And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

- **Benefit:** The better understanding we have of God's love, who is love, helps keep us in fellowship with God, who is love.
- **Problem if neglected:** A believer who doesn't understand the love of God will operate outside God's character and cannot represent Christ well.

John 15:9–10 (NKJV) — As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Practical Application: Before acting in faith or prayer, check your love walk. Forgive quickly, let go of offense, and respond in compassion. Faith flows freely when the heart is clear of bitterness.

Matthew 5:23 (NLT)

"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,

Matthew 5:24 (NLT)

leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Quotes: "Love is the highest form of faith's expression." — Smith Wigglesworth

Point 2 – Love Fulfills God’s Law and Builds Maturity

John 13:34 (NKJV) -- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35 (NKJV) -- By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Romans 13:8–10 (NKJV) — Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law... Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Ephesians 4:15–16 (NKJV) — But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ... causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

A. Love Fulfills Every Commandment

- **Benefit:** Walking in love protects you from sin and fulfills God’s moral law and causes growth in the body of Christ.

- **Problem if neglected:** Without love, even obedience becomes legalistic and self-centered.

Matthew 22:37–40 (NKJV) — Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

B. Love Produces Spiritual Growth

- **Benefit:** Love matures the believer and builds unity in the Body of Christ.

- **Problem if neglected:** Strife, division, and immaturity hinder the flow of the Spirit and very often, hurts and separates people.

Colossians 3:14 (NKJV) — But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Practical Application: Measure spiritual growth not by gifts or knowledge but by love. Evaluate daily interactions—are they motivated by grace, patience, and humility?

Quote: “Maturity is measured by love, not by miracles.” — John Maxwell

Point 3 – Love Keeps Faith, Prayer, and Peace Effective

Mark 11:24–25 (NKJV) — Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them... And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him.

1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV) — And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

A. Love Keeps Prayer Unhindered

- **Benefit:** Forgiveness and compassion keep your prayers effective and your faith productive.

- **Problem if neglected:** Unforgiveness blocks your prayers and grieves the Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:21–22 (NKJV) — Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

B. Love Brings Peace and Protection

- **Benefit:** Love guards the heart against offense and fear.

- **Problem if neglected:** Offense leads to torment, fear, and broken relationships.

Colossians 3:15 (NKJV) — And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

1. **Love Is the Nature of God — 1 John 4:8 (NKJV)**
2. **Love Always Produces Results — Romans 12:21 (NKJV)**
3. **Love Outlasts All Spiritual Gifts — 1 Corinthians 13:8 (NKJV)**
4. **Love Protects Faith From Failing — Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)**
5. **Love Never Fails Because It Never Quits — Luke 23:34 (NKJV)**

Practical Application: Make forgiveness a habit. Speak blessings over those who hurt you. Pray before reacting. Guard your peace by walking in love. **Matthew 5:44**

Quote: “You will never stand taller than when you kneel to forgive.” — Corrie ten Boom

Point 4 – Love Brings Victory, Boldness, and Reward

1 John 4:18 (NKJV) — There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.

Luke 6:35 (NKJV) — But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) — And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

A. Love Drives Out Fear and Builds Confidence

- **Benefit:** Love gives boldness in prayer and daily living because fear cannot coexist with love.

- **Problem if neglected:** Fear, anxiety, and insecurity dominate where knowledge of the love of God is absent.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) — For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.