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I. God created you to LOVE and to be LOVED.

[Genesis 2:18](#)—Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.”

Jesus taught the proper alignment for love:

[Matthew 22:37-39](#)—Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

1. Love GOD first and foremost.

[1 John 4:8](#)—The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

[Isaiah 58:11](#)—The Lord will always lead you, satisfy you in a parched land, and strengthen your bones. You will be like a watered garden and like a spring whose water never runs dry.

[1 Corinthians 7:34](#)—The unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the things of the world—how she may please her husband.

[Matthew 6:33](#)—But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

2. Love ONE ANOTHER unselfishly.

[1 Corinthians 7:1-3](#)—Now in response to the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” 2 But because sexual immorality is so common, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman should have sexual relations with her own husband. 3 A husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise a wife to her husband.

a. Marital duty (ophele) = To love as one deserves and/or is owed.

b. To love:

i. BODY — EROS

ii. SOUL — PHILIO

iii. SPIRIT — AGAPE

Ephesians 5: 22-26, 31, 33—Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, 23 because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her... 31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh... 33 To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.

b. Characteristics of unselfish love:

i. Meekness, Respect, Devotion, Leadership, Sacrifice

3. Love YOURSELF with Christ's love.

1 John 3:1—See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know Him.

Ephesians 5:29—For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church.

Romans 5:8—But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Big Take-Away

In alignment with God's perfect love you find JOY = JESUS, OTHERS, YOURSELF

Psalm 16:11— You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.

Are you ready to accept Jesus today?

Just pray a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen

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