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Love can take the form of many meanings. In fact, the Greeks have ten different words that mean love. But love generally has one meaning, universally. If we were to do a survey on the word love to our teenage population, then the frequent answer would be a deep intimate or sexual attraction to the opposite sex. Sorry to say when one refers to the dictionary it relates the same thing. But love is much more than that. The sexual part is only a minute aspect of love; which can be categorized as Eros. You see many misinterpret the concept of love that's why there are so many divorces, breakups, women turning to women, men turning to men; and an act of this is "Anal love" and sorry to say we see the word love being used in a derogatory state to God.

But love is much more than that; love is from God. If we exercise real love, then "Eros" would be much more complete or fulfilling; if we would care for our neighbors; if we could share with our neighbors; if we could be much more patient and understanding. This can be defined as "philos", meaning, brotherly love. However, even devils "look-out" for one another and there's some honor among thieves. Real love comes from above ("agape"), for true love is to love God (YAH). Because if we love God, really love God, then we would obey his commandments; especially the one that says love thy neighbor as thyself. If we love God who we cannot see, how much easier to love what we can see. If we love God yet we are ungrateful to his truth, then we are insincere and worthy to be called hypocrites. The synonymous thing happens when we say we love God yet despise our neighbors. We are hypocrites.

I frequently prayed about receiving perfect love. But most biblical teachers refer to God as the Perfect Love. I could never be equal to God, in and of myself. Therefore searching and trying for this perfect love is all in vain because there is one perfect love, as there is

only one who is good (Matt 19:17). Then there's another time I ask for real love to seal the commandments in my heart. You see, if you have real love then sin is no longer a shackle: that is, idolatry, profanity of God's name, murder, adultery, stealing, lies, covetousness and others. Because committing these acts would either mean not loving God, not loving your neighbor or not loving yourself.

It is written that if you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the laws are placed in your most inward parts; then you would keep it. But I have seen many with the Holy Ghost, including myself, fall short of showing love at times. It was after a study on Justification I knew what that meant. Upon salvation and thus justification, the laws are placed in your heart when you get saved, that is, an inclination to live holy. But also, God wipes away for all times, the final consequences of sin even if you fall short. That is, God first demonstrated his love to us by removing the consequences of the law, which is death, regardless if you have sinned. In other words, because of your sin, justice demands satisfaction and you must burn in hell's fire (Rev 21:8); but if you are saved, God gives you a mechanism to want to live holy, his spirit. And if while alive, you somehow sin, it would have been already pardoned. He removed the burden of death and pardoned our transgressions for all times. Whereby John could have said, "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). In fact, once sins are remitted (Acts 2:38), you are perfect forever; "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Heb 10:14). This is justification. With such love shown to mankind, we ought to strive to love God and Man. Some of us think we have the first part covered, that is, loving God; with our fasting, prayer and sanctimonious lives. But if you don't love others, you haven't begun to love God. But how do we love others?

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Christ said that when a man lay down his life for his brother, there's no other love that is greater. But there must be a simpler way. Some would say smiling, saying hello, hugging or even a gentle kiss. But then after doing that we forget and gossip behind that persons back; when "push come to shove" the little that we have we don't want to share, and when we want to elevate ourselves we bring down the other person. What I have found out is that the little things make up love, comforting somebody when they're down; sharing something with somebody knowing that after sharing, it leaves you with little or nothing substantial; and many more things. Therefore, fulfilling a weaker person's need the best way you can, or even bridling your tongue when the conversation gets juicy. You gave when you couldn't; you smiled when you couldn't; you tried when you couldn't.

LOVE THEREFORE IS A SACRIFICE, loving when physically and emotionally, you were unable to. It makes a parent happier, a friendship better, an intimate relationship better; you are more pleased and pure in your heart, but most of all, GOD IS PLEASED!!! Loving sacrificially is real love, clearly proven by Christ death on the cross. Not only did a man die for you, but also, GOD ALMIGHTY came off his throne and robed himself in filthy flesh, to save beings that he could have just wipe out in a second and start over. That is sacrifice! That is being a friend. Actually, in the Old language the word for love is "freon" from which the word friend is derived. And to those married couples and potentials that are seeking something sexual from this thesis, your partner would greatly satisfy you in bed if you would love sacrificially.

Here is some more from an old book I borrowed from someone who was reading it at this person's salon (Janet) and I borrowed it there to look at it and jotted down the following, which is absolutely true and should be read and digested:

[To love others, you must first love your self. Here are some signs that you don't.] People who have not learnt to love themselves or esteem themselves do or are:

1. **Exaggerating or bragging** - wants recognition

2. **A critical attitude** - self-explanatory.
3. **Rationalization** - asses worth on his ability to perform
4. **Perfectionism** - perfection is an assumed condition for recognition
5. **Shyness** - self-explanatory.
6. **Self-Depreciation** - They paint a painful or depressing condition of self that no one will criticize them or even offer pity
7. **Anger** - hate self and others
8. **Defensive docility** - become a submissive observer of every regulation, law and rule with mechanical precision. He attempts to be completely good and obedient to alleviate criticism.
9. **Becoming a loner** - self-explanatory.
10. **Over achieving** - make up for failure and seek attention.
11. **Masks, roles, and facades** - Puts forward a mask that if someone criticize they wont feel bad because it's not their real self.
12. **Introjections** - Dissatisfied with himself, tends to identify with someone else, preferable a public figure.
13. **Absolute agreeability** - playing the all-time nice person after agreement on any subject for recognition.
14. **Cynicism, suspicion** - no value of self means no trust of self. He believes and trust no one.
15. **Timidity** - reluctance to venture to undertake new projects (also in terms of relationships). Afraid to love and afraid to be loved. Danger of ultimate failure and rejection. Cut off from reality by his fear. He is afraid to express himself because he might make a mistake or someone might challenge him.

[Love is absolutely vital and must be achieved, from self, others or even a significant other. Why?]
Failure to be loved brings about:

1. Depression
2. Anger and Antisocial behavior
3. Insanity
4. Physical sickness - psychological pain of failure is translated into physical symptoms, much easier to bear.

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[You might say you have achieved this vital element and still deficient in the above areas. **One**, because you attribute the wrong things to love.] Thesis of Love:

1. Love is not a feeling
2. Love is a decision - commitment
3. Effective love is unconditional
4. Love is forever (not conditional)
5. The commitment of love involves decisions....decisions.....decisions
6. The essential gift of love is a sense of personal worth - the relationship allows you to love and accept self.
7. Love means the affirmation, not the possession of the one loved - (give freedom of self, to love others and others to love you).

[You might say you have achieved this vital element and still deficient in the above areas. **Two**, because you attribute the wrong things to love.] Counterfeit of love:

1. Physical conquest - (mainly sexual pleasure)
2. Psychological conquest - (Psychologically get him/her to fall in love; after that is won everything is over.)
3. Projected image - (The person is an image of what he or she expects of a spouse. Fall in love with that and not the real person.)

[**Three**, you might still be deficient in the above areas because you yourself is repressing or holding back the push to love and be loved] Reasons for our repression (i.e. of emotions):

1. We have been programmed to do this (Parents early indoctrinations, especially the first five years a child from a non-demonstrative family will repress emotion; a child from a irate fighting family will repress gentle emotions of compassion.)
2. We "moralize" emotions depending on background some feelings are good and some bad. For instance, it is good to feel grateful but bad to feel angry or jealous.
3. The final consideration that prompts us to deny certain valid human feelings is a "value conflict." For example, if I'm pass a certain age or become a man I must act or behave a certain way.

4. [Or, one may have been hurt by someone, probably in a pass relationship in reaching out to love or be loved. This shouldn't be a reason to not love again. You can begin again!]

"Answering the call to love demands much courage and determination because self-exposure always involves a risk of being seriously hurt. But without transparency love is impossible."

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In my humble opinion, relationship and sex needs to be more addressed and taught blatantly. This is the age where "everything is right in the eyes of a man"; from pornography to homosexual marriages. Sex is everywhere: Media, schools, homes, work places and even churches. The days of guessing and hoping are over. "Boy must meet girl." But if they are taught properly with given reservations and bearing in mind innocents, then half the unexpected pregnancies, abortions, intimate feuds and other serious disasters can be avoided.

What we have gotten thus far is the textbook teaching. I would love to see mature women of our congregations, rest their "never-done-that-attitudes", get down-to-earth with our young girls and say, "sister I went through fornication and abortion, coupled with pain, shame, suffering and disgrace, it isn't worth it and who knows if you'd get a chance like me to repent!" I'm almost certain that sister would think twice about sexual endeavors after such a conversation.

Brothers need to stop bragging about their sexual conquests while unsaved. This usually fosters doubt and insecurity in faithful brothers who are virgins. If these brothers even know what they had done, they would be quiet. One ugly spin-off from this, I heard, is a belief in the "taste before buy theory." [Or, as heard one night by a comedian on J. Kimmel in 2005, "test drive before you buy."] That is, you must have sex with the partner before marriage to see if you're compatible. Utter Garbage! It must be stopped and I rebuke it totally. Sisters beware of such monsters! [Notice also that when you go to the New Cars sale lot, the car you test is not the one you actually buy, but one like it with low

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mileage and better condition. Such detrimental notions need to be wiped out of the minds of our populace.]

Let me explain a little about fornication beside the sure fact that an ardent fornicator WILL reside in hell's fire. Sex is one of the main vehicles for strong demonic transportation. In other words, when you have sex with a prostitute or anyone, the evil spirits within that person are transmitted to you; much like spiritual HIV - no protection against this one but abstinence. This is the reason some satanic churches position a naked woman at their altars for members to sex her, even more than once; and members have sex amongst themselves openly and freely during their ungodly service. This is used to transmit demons; unaware to most members and especially the new convert. The same thing happens to any perfectly normal person that dares to cross the line.

Secondly, there are two things God binds himself to honor; they are, consummation (sex) and marriage. In the 'Bible days' one wasn't really married unless the marriage was consummated. In essence, consummation is what really seals a marriage and bind God to his word. Now, any time you have decided to consummate (have sex) you have bonded yourself to that partner for life. A 'piece' of that person's spirit is still with you. That is why Paul said, "Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh" (1 Cor

6:16). This clearly spoke of sexual activity and not the normal notion of marriage. In other words, there is NO such thing as "pre-marital sex." You have sex, you have a lifetime soul partner. The implications are terrifying. Suppose a former 'playboy' decides to marry a nice young sister, she being unregenerated. What he will do is carry all the demons and fraction of souls from many pass acquaintances, that marriage is bound to fail, if God doesn't allow it. They are even far more serious implications. Watch it! In my opinion, it's just not worth it! "Bragging Brothers," heed to 1 Corinthians 5:2, "And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned."

Teachers and leaders I implore you to be more frank in teaching such topics. Don't be afraid to tell the "naked truth." Speaking from your former experiences really help the youths a lot, be it good or bad. Stop calling the penis "John," or "a third in a bunch bowl" and call these things as is. Be straight with youths and show them the dangers of unwed sexual activities. It's not just a matter of life and death, but a matter of life versus life. One innocent life could jeopardize many innocent lives.

Youths, as Paul warned us, flee youthful lust. In other words, flee your foolish youthful tendencies; for all that is in them is lust and more lusts. Don't ever think you're too strong either. The best of us have fallen and fortunately live to tell about it; you might not have that chance!

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