



# LOVE Part 2

## "Falling in Love"





## Luke 14

**<sup>26</sup>If any *man* come to me, and **hate** not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.** <sup>27</sup>And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*? <sup>29</sup>Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. <sup>33</sup>**So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

### Strong's Definition

From a primary word μῖσος misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); **by extension**

**to love less**: - hate (-ful).

### Thayer's Definition

- 1) to hate, pursue with hatred, detest.
- 2) to be hated, detested.

## Ephesians

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[22](#) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. [23](#) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. [24](#) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

[25](#) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; [26](#) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, [27](#) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. [28](#) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. [29](#) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: [30](#) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. [31](#) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. [32](#) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. [33](#) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.

THE  
*Love Dare*

DAY by DAY

A YEAR OF DEVOTIONS  
FOR COUPLES



DAY 48

## *Love is kind*

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other,  
just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

Ephesians 4:32 NASB

Kindness is love in action. If patience is how love *reacts* in order to minimize a negative circumstance, then kindness is how love *acts* to maximize a positive circumstance. Patience avoids a problem; kindness creates a blessing. One is preventive, the other proactive. These two sides of love are the cornerstones on which many of the other attributes are built.

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Love makes you kind. Kindness makes you likable. When you're kind, people want to be around you. They see you as being good *to* them and good *for* them.

It's also contagious. When someone demonstrates genuine kindness to you, it makes you want to do the same thing in return. But a person who is loving and mature won't always wait to respond in kindness. They'd rather be the first to show it. Are you that kind of person in your home with your spouse?

## QUESTIONS

What would happen in your marriage if the Ephesians 4:32 passage mentioned above became your standard operating procedure? Consider how your vertical relationship with God should directly guide and impact your horizontal relationships with others.



# Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

Calvary was the ultimate expression of Love.

John 15

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.





Condescension of God brought  
condescension of His Attributes:

Faith ---> Believing as a child.

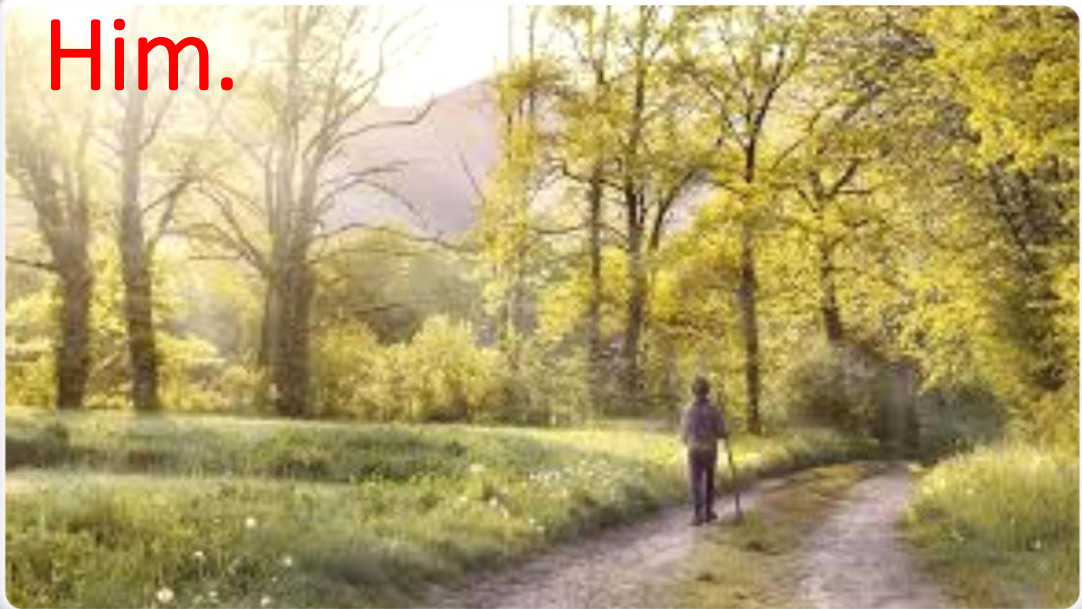
Love---> Phileo

## Matthew 18

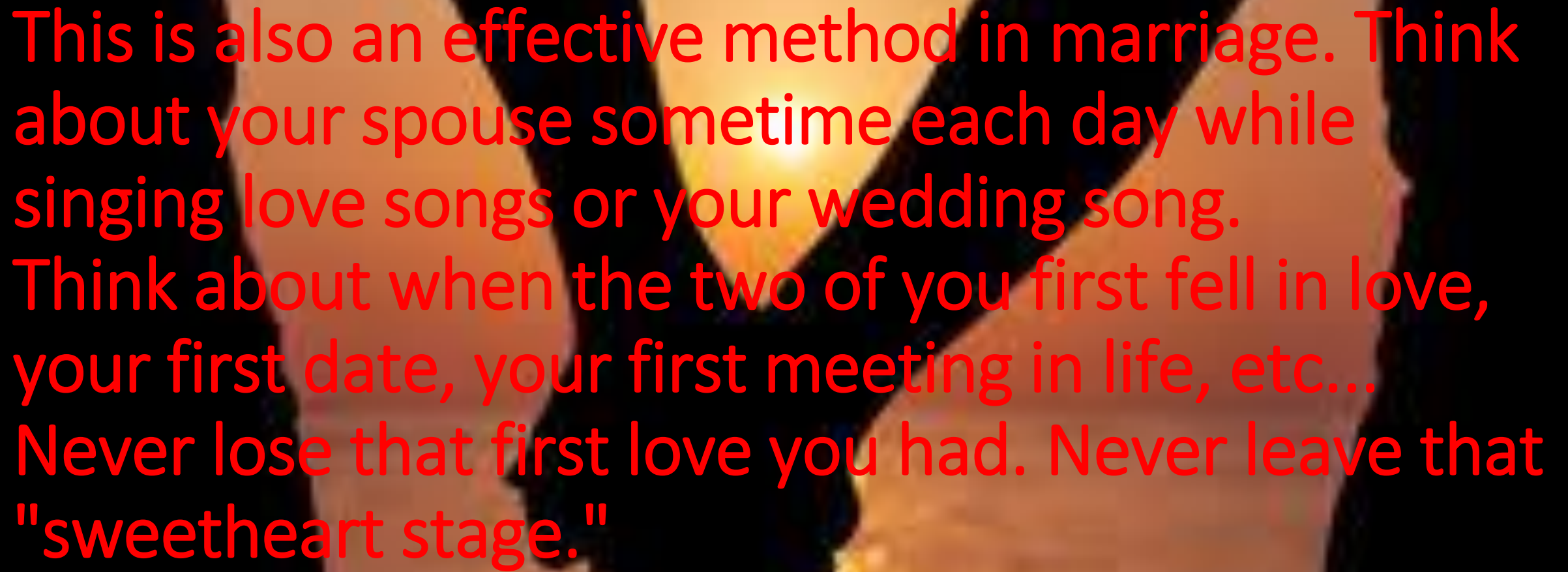
1At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Part of our daily devotion time to the Lord should include meditation on Him and His Word that He has revealed to us.

Meditation on His Word coupled with prayer and singing praises to Him will cause us to fall more in Love with Him.

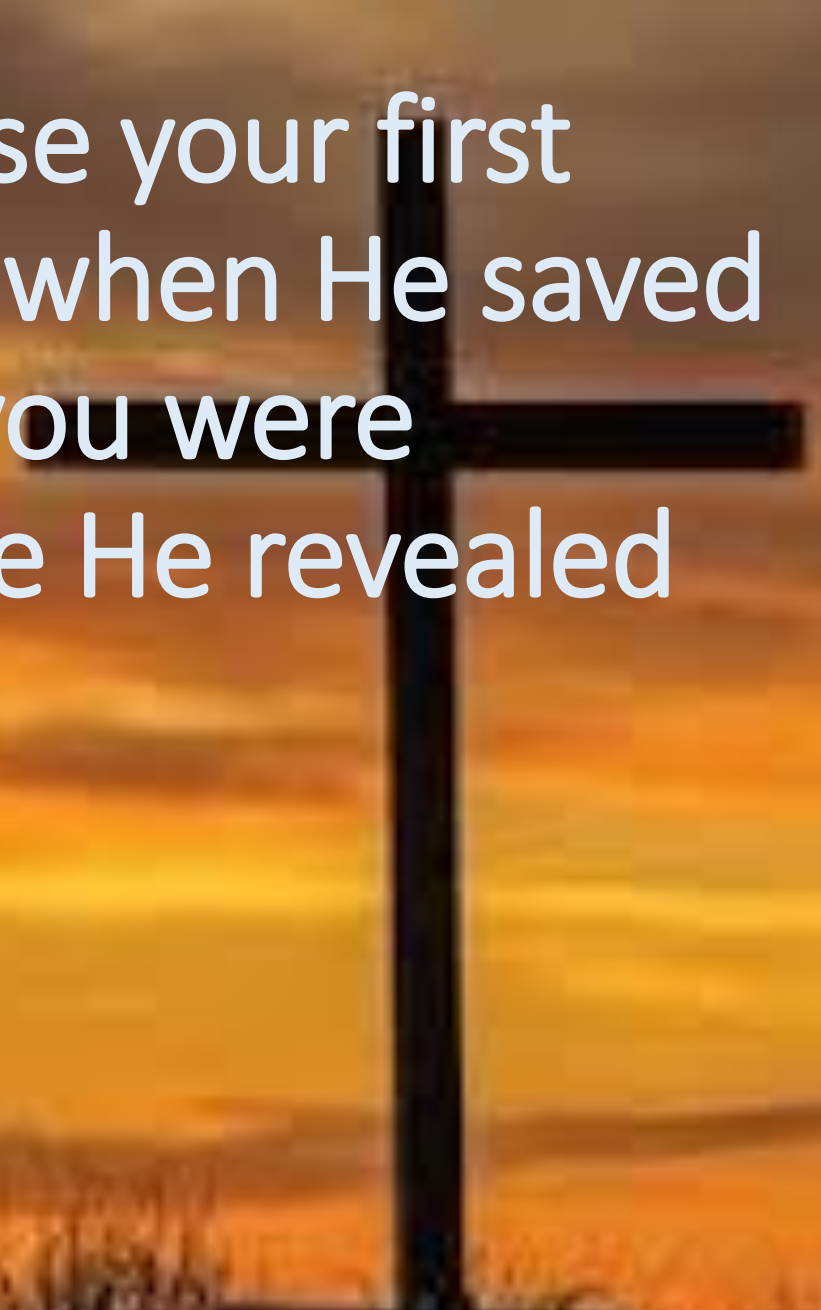




A close-up photograph of a couple kissing. The image is softly blurred, focusing on the couple's faces and hands. The lighting is warm and intimate, with a golden glow. The text is overlaid in a bright red color, providing a strong contrast against the darker background of the couple's faces.

This is also an effective method in marriage. Think about your spouse sometime each day while singing love songs or your wedding song. Think about when the two of you first fell in love, your first date, your first meeting in life, etc... Never lose that first love you had. Never leave that "sweetheart stage."

Likewise with the Lord, never lose your first love for Him. Always remember when He saved you, the first time you realized you were forgiven for your sins, every time He revealed something to you, etc...

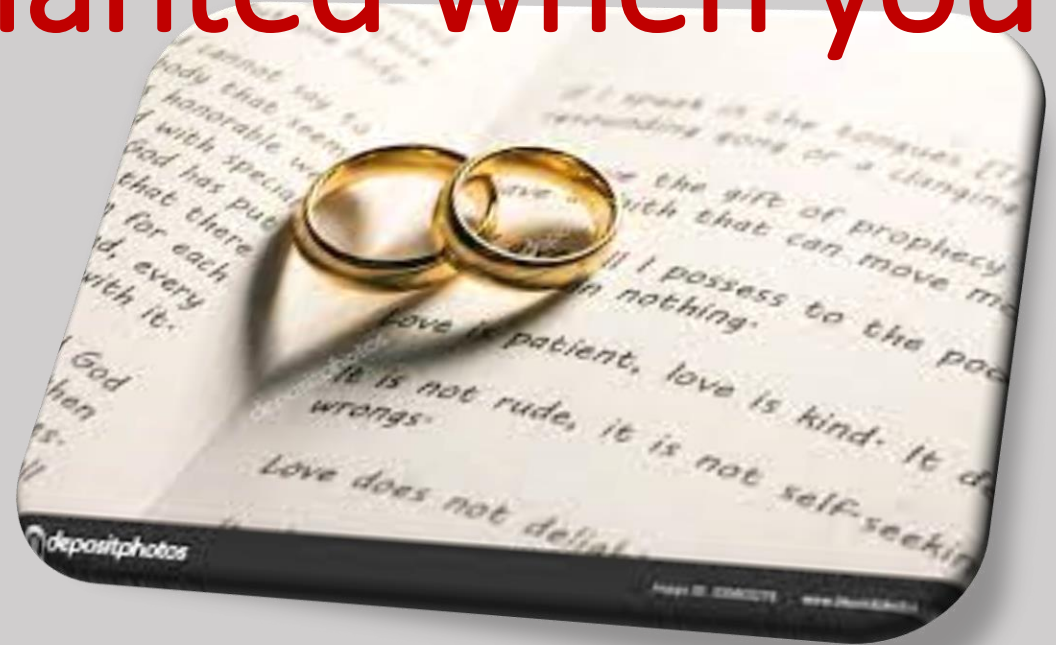


Real Love comes from God. Real love is like a seed in your heart. If it's genuine, you plant it in good ground, a heart of faith, water it with the Word. It will grow stronger.





Our love for our spouse should grow stronger every day. This is accomplished by cultivating that "seed" of love you planted when you got married.



Likewise, our love for the Lord should grow stronger every day by cultivating the Seed of His Word, sewing It down, watering It with more Word and faith, believing It.



Also, giving God constant praise, prayers, fellowship with other believers, etc..., stimulates spiritual growth and Love for the Lord to increase.

# Selflessness

## Philippians 2

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

## I Corinthians 13

4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.



Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

This has to be more than affection.

After realization that you are really a sinner, bound for hell, but Christ died to save you, you will really appreciate Him and begin to fall in love with Him.



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This starts a cycle that continues throughout your entire Christian Journey; you love Him, seek Him, realize more what He has done for you, and fall more in love with Him.

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This real love will cause you to seek Him more, become more like Him, grow up the Stature of a Perfect Man.



The Holy Ghost is the most important thing in your life; whether you got It or not, you've got to know that you know that you know. Before you can even start with these Virtues. But listen, with the Holy Ghost, you can catch up real quick because God said He wouldn't leave anybody behind.

If you make yourself available, I'll promise you, God will give It to you. He'll pour It in if you just want It bad enough.

23-0726 – Son of Man Pt. 121 - Wade Dale

How do I know my name was written on the Lamb's Book of life? Because you're acting it out now. Whether or not your name was written was determined by your reaction now, present tense, what's happening right now. But to think that God had a place reserved for you because He knew your reaction right now, how it would be, He knew, when It was offered to you, if you would respond or not.

23-0820pm - Are You on Gods List - Bob Black  
(1:24:20)

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Genuine love will spill over into other areas of your life; parenting, marriage, other relationships.



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64-0404 - Jehovah-Jireh #3

167 That's the way it is with God, when not trying to study from some newspaper standpoint, some theological standpoint, but fall in love with Him. Get down and really get Him in your heart, "the love of God shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Ghost," then go to reading the Bible and you'll see It coming right out between the lines. See, you know what He is saying. He never said that right out in the Word. Jesus thanked the Father because that He had "hid those things from the eyes of the wise and prudent." Now, no one else could read my wife's letters like that, 'cause I love her that way, see, and that's the way she writes to me. That's the way God writes to you. It's between the lines, you read It.

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John 14

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Psalms 119

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Really fall in Love with the Lord first.  
God sent a minister here from Peru,  
Brother Luis Angel Human, to remind us to  
read the Bible and Message. (Such a rebuke)

Perhaps we take for granted the Mighty  
Word of God delivered to us through such a  
simple, Kentucky man.



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Matthew 13

57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Perhaps Brother Branham was too simple for us to really respect the Message he brought.

Perhaps daily Bible reading is too simple for us to see the significance.

# Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

Brother Luis Human's message was simple. In essence, he was saying, "God's promises are on conditions. You don't automatically receive them by being in the Message."

We must attach ourselves to the Word by reading, prayer, listening to sermons, like our life depends on it; BECAUSE IT DOES!

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Daily Bible reading is enormously important to a child of God.

It is ABSOLUTELY necessary for Spiritual growth.

Just like a new-born baby must eat to grow, we MUST eat Spiritually to grow, and a sufficient amount of Spiritual Food is necessary.



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22 Listen, first you've got to be borned again of the Spirit of God. If you're not, you'll never understand the Word of God. God has said so. God said, "I have hid this Bible from the wise and prudent, and will reveal it to babes such as will believe." If you want to get anything from God, just be a baby. Open up the Bible. Fall in love with Jesus.

23 Now, when my wife writes me a letter, well, I read it. And she starts off, "Dear Billy, I am setting here tonight. I am thinking much about you." That's what she's saying on the paper, but I can tell what's between the lines, what she's reading. The Bible, you must read between the lines, because God has hid It from those who just read the word alone. I am quoting Scripture that He has hid It from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and will reveal It to babes such as will learn. All that's ever read that in the Bible say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Then it's the baby that'll humble himself, not be puffed up, but be humble, and say, "Lord, I believe It."

55-0624 - Abraham

So in the spiritual children, you've got to eat the Word of God, study the Word of God, you know. Pray and seek God and ask Him to reveal these Things to you instead of just saying, "Oh, I believe That."

Let It be a part of you. And if you have the New Birth, you will desire... right? Is that what we read? You'll desire the sincere milk of the Word that we may grow thereby because, see, that will be a part of your life. Why wouldn't you want to grow in Christ? Why would that not be your desire to want to know more about God?

18-0919 – Being Born Again Pt. 36 (Brotherly Kindness) - Samuel Dale (10:15)

# Why people don't read the Bible:

- I don't have time.
- I've read It before.
- I don't understand It.
- It's too simple to be of value.
- Feel unworthy.
- Don't want it to become "routine."





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Don't just say, "I believe."

But live, "I believe."

Actions speak louder than words. You can say you believe but missing Church, Bible reading and prayer proves you don't really believe. We prove what we believe by our actions.

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In other words, if you don't read the Bible and the Message, you prove you don't believe it's necessary.

Perhaps you believe you're alright just being "in the Message," or, "in Spoken Word Church."

Take heed to Brother Dale's statement: "I'd rather seek the Holy Ghost every day of my life and find out I had It all along than to not seek It and die lost."

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Some people spend their life trying to figure out what love is; other people spend their life trying to express their love.

Humans are created to love, driven by love, by the God of Love.

When you possess it, you want to express it.

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63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed  
233 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.

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63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

234 What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a—a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

**How will this happen if you don't read the Bible/Message and pray?**



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"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling," not your pastor, not your brother, not your sister, not your neighbor, you're calling.

Find out who you are and what you're doing here. "...calling and election sure. For if ye do these things, you shall never fall." What a promise! If you do these things, this formula, Brother Branham said, "this prescription," you shall never fall.

23-0903pm - Son of Man Pt.129 - Wade Dale (1:20:00)

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Now look, It gave us the promises, it didn't say we were going to automatically get them. Come on somebody! They're there, they're there to get but you got to want them. You got to get them. Make yourself ready. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these, Brother Branham said, "these promises," you might be partakers of the divine nature.

23-0903pm - Son of Man Pt.129 - Wade Dale (1:16:30)

# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

- New Birth
- Gives you Faith/Revelation
- Takes away Unbelief
- Teaches you to Love God and others
- Living Word lives in and through you
- Gives you joy, peace, contentment, etc...
- Helps in Marriage and other relationships
- Gives you stability

# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

I Peter 1

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

John 15

7If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

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# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

James 1

5If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Ask God for wisdom and understanding (Revelation) of the Word as you read It. He ABSOLUTELY will help you understand if you make an effort.

Reading His Word will give you stability, both spiritually and in your life choices.

# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

I Corinthians 15

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **stedfast, unmoveable,** always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

Your work is never in vain in the Lord. This includes your efforts of reading the Bible. He sees your effort.

# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

It teaches you to love, how to be patient, how to be a good spouse, how to be a good parent, how to be content, even how to receive divine healing.

It's the answer to all things.

(Elaborate on these)

# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

"Bubber [Brother],  
you don't know  
what your're  
missing."





Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:  
Word of God is a living Word, It  
Brings things to pass in your life.





# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

## Proverbs 20

[27](#)The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

## Hebrews 4

[12](#)For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. [13](#)Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

# Benefits of reading the Bible Every Day:

## John 5

**39Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. 41I receive not honour from men. 42But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. 43I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God only? 45Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust. 46For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?**



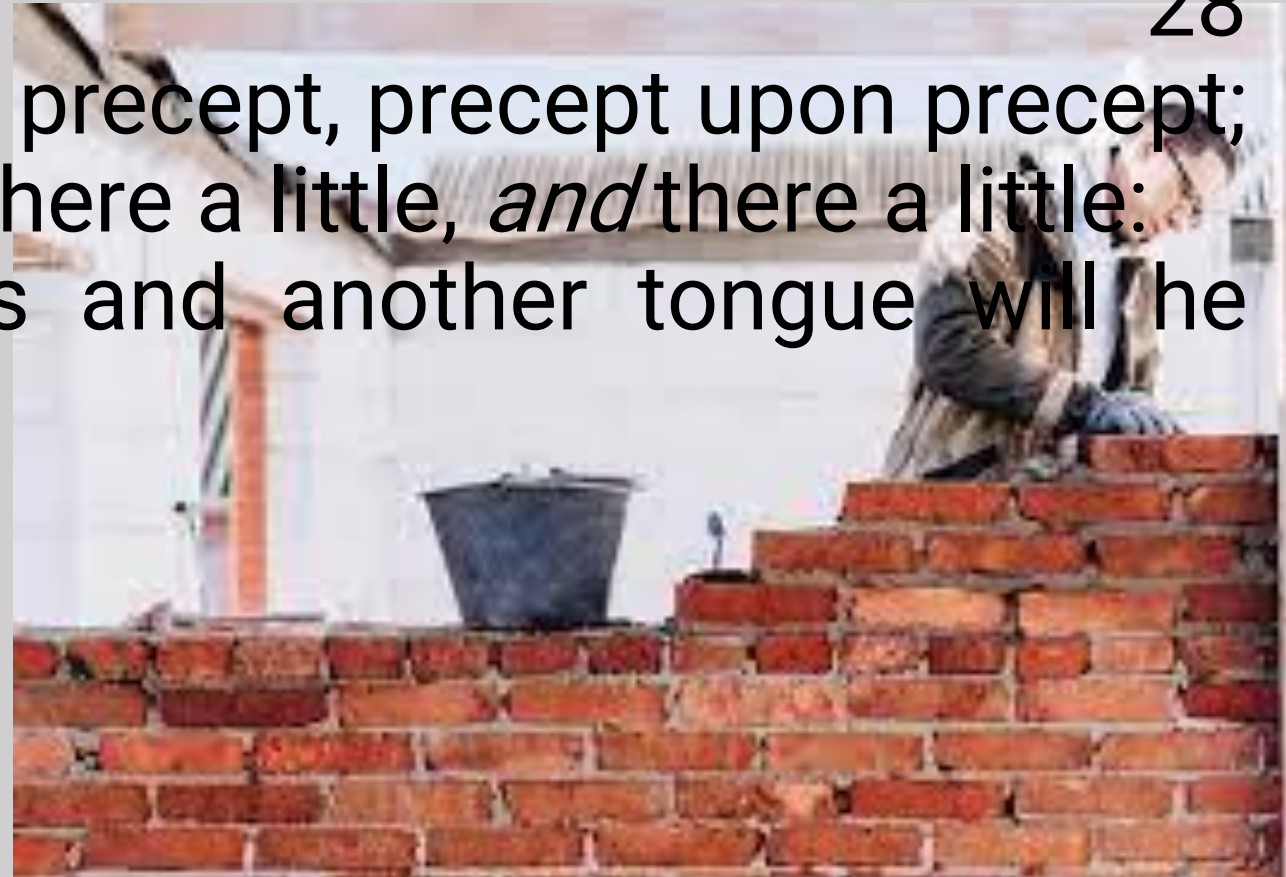
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Daily Bible reading gives "Building Block Revelations" in  
your spiritual house. Occasionally, it gives you a  
"Cornerstone Revelation."

Isaiah

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10For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept;  
line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

11For with stammering lips and another tongue will he  
speak to this people.



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Our love for the Lord constrains us to be obedient.

# Two Types of Long-Lasting Marriages:

1) Survivors

2) Sweethearts

# The STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN

1 Peter 1:1-8

The Seven Church Ages

*Revelation 2:1-29*



Laodecia

*A.D. 1906 - Present*

Philadelphia

*A.D. 1750-1800*

Sardis

*A.D. 1500-1600*

Thyatira

*A.D. 400-1000*

Pergamos

*A.D. 100-400*

Smyrna

*A.D. 100-150*

Ephesus

*A.D. 1-100*

The Seven Messengers

*Revelation 1:20*



William  
Branham

John  
Wesley

Martin  
Luther

Saint  
Columba

Saint  
Martin

Saint  
Irenaeus

Saint  
Paul

Divine  
LOVE

HOLY SPIRIT

BROTHERLY  
KINDNESS

GODLINESS

PATIENCE

TEMPERANCE

KNOWLEDGE

VIRTUE

FAITH



# Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

What's keeping you from daily reading of God's Word?

You search your heart and find out for yourself.

Possible hinderances:

- 1) Misconception about predestination
- 2) Not enough time
- 3) Don't understand (reading comprehension)

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Falling in Love with the Lord does not happen just by merely professing to be a Christian.

It happens as you read and listen to His Word. This brings you to an intimate relationship with Him.

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John 16

13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

# Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

At the start of your journey, when you give your heart to God, if you're sincere, you have a baby-form of Faith like Abraham had, believing God's Word.

You also have received part of God's Life and Love. Cultivate It in a fertile heart, believing the Word. Read and pray every day, hear the Word, water It with more Word and praise.

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Same thing should happen in marriage. Start with a love "seed," then water it with Word and let it grow.

Invite the Author of Love into your marriage. He will teach you how to love. Marriage is an opportunity to learn "Love Lessons." This glorifies God as an example of Christ and the Bride.

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Also, spend time thinking about your spouse the way you do the Lord. Meditation is a powerful tool.

Think of good qualities about your spouse, your first meeting, first date, wedding day, honeymoon, early days of marriage, etc...

Never lose your first love in marriage AND with the Lord.



# Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

Love more than skin-deep. Features fade.

Isaiah 53

2For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

60-1002 - The Kinsman Redeemer

46 I said, "Hatred had a beginning, so it has to have an end. Love had no beginning, so it has no end. Hatred is forever. Love is Eternal. Hatred begins and hatred will end. Love never did begin and It never will end." See? It was Eternal.

47 **And when a man loves a woman and marries her because she's just pretty, there'll be an end to that.** But when a man finds a woman that he loves, he don't know why, but he loves her. And she finds a man that she loves, no matter what he looks like. He loves her. She loves him. That's an Eternal mate in Glory. They'll s-...Death nor nothing else can ever separate them, because they are from Eternity. And they stepped out, in the space of time, and will return back to Eternity. Eternity has dropped down in a body, called time, then goes right back up into Eternity again. It cannot perish.

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Music is to glorify God. It has healing properties and many other benefits for meditation, etc...

What about love songs?

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The Ten Commandments are NOT a book of rules. Love constrains us to obey the Lord.

John 14

15If ye love me, keep my commandments.

This applies to marriage as well.

# Really fall in Love with the Lord first.

Matthew 22

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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## 63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

297 It's a personal, individual affair with the person, that Christ is revealed to them.

298 And if you say, "He's been revealed to me," and then the Life that Christ produced here in the Bible, that same Life is in Him, does not produce Itself in you, then you've got the wrong revelation.

299 If I put a life of a pumpkin into the life of a pear tree, it would bear pumpkins. "By their fruits you shall know them." Exactly right. And if the first...you put out a tree, a grape vine, and it put out a bunch of grapes; the first shoot it put out, brought grapes, the next one brought out lemons, and the next one brought out pears, the next one brought out apples, there is some kind of a grafted affair in there, that's bearing its own life. Every denomination will bear life of itself. But if that original vine ever puts out another shoot, it will bear grapes like it did the first time.

300 And if the Life—the Life of Jesus Christ ever puts out another body of believers, it'll bear the fruit that the first one did. They'll write a Book of Acts behind it, 'cause It'll be the same, same Life. See what I mean? You just can't get away from it. It's the Life of Christ in you, been injected in you, by the Holy Spirit Itself living Its Life through you.