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Song of Solomon 8:6

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm; for *love is strong as death*; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

True love cannot be destroyed by death or the grave. It burns like a blazing fire that cannot be extinguished, it's an unconditional love that last forever.

Love is something everyone wants to experience and because we were created to be loved, we search for love and sometimes find everything except true, genuine love. Women have lost their virginity because they were seeking to be loved. Many children are fatherless because the parent was seeking for love in the wrong place.

Promiscuous people are looking for love, that's why they jump from one bed to another, trying to fill the void in their lives, seeking for love.

Divorce is growing because people didn't wait on God to give them their spouse. Hormones were calling and the heart was deceived, or they prayed for someone that God didn't have in mind for them. But because God loves us, He gives us permissive-will prayers that usually go wrong because God wants to give us His best and we accept

less than what God wants to give us, so we find ourselves in a mess and need God to clean up or deliver us from permissive-will prayers.

Millions suffer from emotional and mental disorders because they weren't shown and given love as a child or in their adolescent years. Many are suffering from low self-esteem because they weren't given love by their parents or spouse. That's why it is so important as parents to show and tell our children we love them so when bad influences come their way, they will know the difference between a superficial love and true love.

Lives have been destroyed because someone told them they loved them only to find out that they were sent from Satan to destroy them. Love is precious, it builds and encourages, it's long-suffering, love is faithful, and it respects the feeling of others.

Love doesn't mistreat you and beat you. Love doesn't abuse you mentally, emotionally or verbally. Love doesn't threaten you, or reject you. Love doesn't have you prostituting your body. Love will accept you as you are, it doesn't try to change you or shame you. Love will never try to dominate or control you. Love doesn't get upset because it can't have it their way.

Love is keeping a secret when someone had the faith to entrust you with their secret, (that wasn't detrimental to themselves or others) but instead of keeping it to ourselves, the person and God, we

tell their secret. Love doesn't envy or be jealous of someone's blessing, but will rejoice with them. Love is careful of how it treats others, it doesn't gossip and tear down others.

Many marriages have failed because the couple didn't take the time to count the cost of being married. Marriage is work and if the individuals married for any other reason other than love, the marriage will fail. Love isn't a fly by night emotion, it lasts through the good and bad times, love will last when everything else is falling apart.

Love is stronger than hatred when we really have genuine love, nothing can be compared to it. Love is God, and when we say we have Him as our Father, we should love as He love. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life.

We will never find anyone that will love us like God loves us unless they have the Spirit of God dwelling in them. God is love and since we're His children we should have the heart of God to love as He loves.

There is nothing we can do that would cause God not to love us. While we were practicing sin, God still loved us. That's why He gave Jesus so that we could come out of sin and be reconciled to Him in order to fellowship with Him. You see God will love us, but He will not fellowship with us in our sin; sin stinks in His nostrils.

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A person in love will always try to please the person they're in love with, they will go and do different things they have never done in order to stay connected or be compatible to the person they're in love with. With real love there will always be a sacrifice, but because the person is so much in love, it doesn't seem like they're sacrificing. A sacrifice is when you will place someone else's desires or concerns before yours.

Things and people we love we don't mind sacrificing for them. We sacrifice our families to work two or three jobs in order to get the things we desire. We sacrifice our goals and desires in order to complete someone else's. We sacrifice friendships because of someone we love doesn't really care for our friend. If we stop and think about it, there are many areas in life we have sacrificed and didn't receive the benefit of the sacrifice.

God has given us gifts such as our spouse, children, home, cars, financial status, educational status. He doesn't want us to love the gifts He has given us more than Him—the one that gave the gifts. Many times we love the gifts more than we love the Presenter of the gifts. God wants us to enjoy the things He has given us, but He doesn't want us to devote most of our time, and attention on anything or anyone more than Him.

Some of us have devoted our time in worrying about tomorrow, when He has already instructed us, tomorrow will take care of itself, we're not promised we will see tomorrow. We're devoted daily to worry and fret about different situations and circumstances in our life. If we would only deviate the carnal devotion and place it with spiritual devotion, we wouldn't be fretful or worried about the things that's going on around us. It's not that we have denied the problem, but we come to the conclusion that we have a God that's bigger than the situation we're in. People we love we think about them consistently, and that's what we're doing with the cares of life. There isn't a

problem or situation we can be in, and God can't get us out of it. Don't place more faith in the problem than you do in God. People we love we place our complete trust in them, this is what God is calling us to do. Place our complete trust in Him.

When we really begin to love God the way the Bible instructs us to, our love for him will conquer fear, unforgiveness, envy, strife, contention, jealousy and rebellion because we will always be in His presence by prayer and worship. When we're in His presence, spirits that are contrary to Him cannot stand in His presence they have to go.

When we love someone, we don't want to have to make them be with us or provide for us, it comes naturally when you really love someone, and it's the same way with God. When we really love Him, no one has to prompt and prime us to praise Him, we will automatically do it because it's a part of us. Prayer will be essential it wouldn't be the question whether we're going to pray or not. Fasting will come easy because we will fast to be more sensitive to His voice and Spirit.

Love will make you do right when you want to do wrong. When you don't want to forgive you will, when you don't want to give you will. When you don't want to be submissive you will find yourself becoming submissive. When you're in love you will find yourself looking and searching for the things that will please the Lord.

Love will have you searching yourself to see if you have offended or harm anyone without them telling you. Love will have you praying for the person that have lied, rejected and neglected you. Love will have you fasting and praying for those that you know don't like you, but because love is in your

heart, you want to see your enemy delivered from the chains and fetters that have them bound. Secondly because you love God, you want to submit to His request, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. Love give us challenges that's impossible for us to accomplish ourselves, but with prayer, faith and submission to God there is nothing we can't accomplish.

Love brings test and trials to prove our love whether it's genuine love or superficial love. God doesn't let trials and tribulations come our way to hurt us, but to help us to grow to be the men and women God has ordained us to be. Love will give you mountain top experiences as well as valley experiences.

Whatever you may be experiencing, know that God loves you. He watches over you, to keep you from fainting while in trials and tribulation of life as long as we keep focusing on Him. When we focus on the one that can bring us through, the fire isn't as hot, the storm doesn't leave debris like bitterness, hatred and unforgiveness, doubt or unbelief. In order for a rose to grow, it must be pruned to improve shape or growth. Because God loves us, He let us go through difficult experiences to help us to become more in His image, knowing and realizing who we are in Him. When enough trials come our way, we will begin to pray and take authority over things that we really don't have to go through, the more we resist and fight the enemy, the more we become like our Father.

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In this Christians walk we will have difficulty times, Christianity is not a rose garden, but it's a war zone. The adversary is always scheming and trying to find ways to make us deny our Lord. Anyway the devil can trip us up, he will do it. He's the offender and we are the defender, we must stand our ground, and fight the good fight of faith.

God loves each and every one of us, there isn't anyone that God doesn't love. God loves the sinner, He hates the sin, but loves the person. God loves us with an everlasting love, and we should love Him in return.

God doesn't want any of us to live a eternal life of torment. Many think because God loves them, He will not punish them. He will and that is the reason He gave us an instruction manual to follow. Whatever He instructs us to do in the manual, He's expecting us to do. Whatever He instructs us not to do that's what He's expecting us not to do. There will not be any excuses when we stand before Him. He left His word for us to follow and as we follow the instructions it's a road map to heaven.

God loves us, and His desire is for us to grow up and be like our Father and that comes by trials and tribulations. We can either suffer the pain of growing or we can suffer the pain of remaining where we are. There isn't a situation or circumstance we go through that God isn't there to assist us to make it through.

There is no way we can love God and never have time for Him on a one on one basis. Oh yeah, it good to fellowship with Him with others, but it's a relationship when you spend time alone with Him. When we love someone we want to spend time with them, we don't want anyone intruding on the time that we have with the one we love. We designate a set time to be with the one we love and we

try to make sure we have ample time to spend with them, we want to hear all they have to say. God wants us to spend some quality time with Him other than Sunday Worship. He has things He wants to show and tell us, but we can't receive it until we spend time with Him.

You may not be able to pray thirty minutes, start with ten and work your way up to an hour or more, however the Lord leads you, but at least start somewhere. Fellowship with Him in His word other than Tuesday or Wednesday Bible Study. Whoever you're in love with that's who you will spend the majority of your time. Whatever you do, make time for God. He's waiting to hear from you!

Deuteronomy 6:5
And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

God wants us to love Him and as we do, we will make sure that we give Him quality time. We will serve Him with our spirit, soul, mind and body. We will be willing to submit ourselves in every area to His instructions. Wherever our treasures are that's where our heart will be. As Christians, its our duty to make time out for our Father. He's always waiting patiently for us to come to Him. Love is caring and sharing our time with the one we LOVE!

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