

Love Is The Key

PURPOSE: The purpose of this devotion is to help you understand that love is the key to connecting us to both God and to what He is doing in our world.

Love is the focus of a seemingly infinite number of songs, movies, books, poems, etc. Love is something we all recognize when we see it or feel it. But what is real love? Is it that thing the world uses as bait to get us to buy everything from clothing to hamburgers? Is it found in the messaging used by the media to get you to watch reality shows, go to the movies, or purchase music? **Is there even such a thing as real love?** After all, so many people who say they love each other treat each other so horribly . . .

The answer to that question is a great big YES! God is the source of a love that is real, unique, and has the power to change the world. Look at what the Bible says about real love.

God Is The Source Of Real Love

- Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8
- Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.’ Matthew 22:37-38

Real Love Is Unique

- Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35
- Jesus said, “If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?” Matthew 5:46
- And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Real Love Can Change The World

- Jesus said, “And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:39
- Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

Real love is the key that connects us to our heavenly Father and in turn gives us the compassion to accept His mission to make a difference in our world. The only place to find that love is in a relationship with God through His son Jesus Christ. With God’s love flowing through us, we will be able to see what He is doing in the world. His love can change the world. **And His love will change us.**

FOLLOW THROUGH

- How do you see your world? Is it a place where you simply live out a day-to-day existence? Or is it a place filled with exciting opportunities to share the love of God with people?
- The love of God will change your worldview. Pray and ask God to fill you with His love and help you see the world through His eyes.
- Consider some practical ways you can show God’s love to someone in your life that had been particularly hard to love lately.