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"The INFLOW and OVERFLOW... of His Spirit and Presence" (Ephesians 5)

His Presence... Makes The Difference

Kingdom work, done the kingdom way, under kingdom wisdom, is followed by kingdom glory! One of the biggest problems we could be facing with

those around...is that they haven't seen His glory because they haven't seen us at work for Him. They've seen us work but have they seen us surrender our work to Him? They've watched us work but have they noticed Him at work? May I suggest that it could be, they haven't seen Him at work in us because we haven't asked Him to let His work appear to us nor have we asked Him to manifest His glory, through our work, to our children.

May we ask for His favor and that His beauty be upon us! May He light a fire in us

and use it to illuminate a path for generations that follow.

Daddy and momma... I encourage you to take the lead and start asking Him to deliver you from lies and falsehood and that He will make His work appear and then get busy with what He shows you.

Ephesians 5

A growing love is a witness to a growing testimony of

grace. Glory... when our love expands and abounds, so does the depth and reach of our personal testimony.

Why?

A growing love is a wise love... and a wise love doesn't merely react to others or opposition, and it doesn't jump to unwarranted conclusions, a growing love humbly and graciously and wisely responds with purpose, but

never with arrogance or pride.

And one more thing... the right kind of love isn't the kind of love that makes excuses why it can't expand and grow.

A growing love stretches our patience with people and our perseverance when persecuted...

"Love suffers long... and while it suffers it is always kind, it is never envious nor does it command attention or gratitude, it will not act ugly or demand respect and it cannot think wrongly or rejoice over wickedness, but it always celebrates and rejoices in the truth, and therefore, it can and will bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Love never ever fails... and it cannot act any other way..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

May the Lord Jesus help us discern and make a clear

distinction between His understanding and view of love and what others claim to be love. Faith sees and agrees with what God sees... and that also applies to seeing and with God on how He views love.

People of redeeming faith see love how God sees it. And, as with all things in His kingdom, love is to be embraced, expressed and enjoyed in faith. And by faith we make the distinction between what God sees and what man claims as love. Not that we can devalue their false claims but that we can love and

therefore, live like Him. Because nothing short of seeing love His way counts... right now or in the end. And I personally recognize that I cannot authentically love like this — without Him — living and loving through me, today, tomorrow and forever. His love, as with His grace, adds eternal value to everything I am, believe and do... and when THEY are missing, the value of my fruit is reduced to nothing. A truth I must embrace and make dear to my heart if I desire to love and bear fruit worthy of His glory.

Ephesians 5

We are to walk in love... and excluded from love are things like fornication, uncleanness...

Ephesians 5:8 teaches us to look for the Spirit... it will be found in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

Drunkenness (wine) was an answer or solution for many. It aided them to deal or cope with life and family through the help of wine and its ability to cut the edge of disappointment.

Ephesians 5:18

It's the INFLOW and OVERFLOW of the Spirit of God... His very presence in us, and a growing knowledge of Jesus, is the fountain that everything for life, family and fruitfulness flows out of.

Colossians 3:16

A continuous filling of the Spirit, and letting the Word of Christ dwelling richly within us.

Faith sees and agrees with how God sees things!

EVERYTHING in the kingdom that brings glory to our King and His kingdom agenda must start with unction and understand from Him.

(Romans 15:4 ; 13) The Scriptures give hope joy peace when trust and filled and led by the Holy Spirit.

- Praise, joy and gladness in the fullness of the Spirit and

presence of God as
opposed to those who are
filled with pity, pouting or
pride

- RANK UNDER... submit one to another in the fear of God. It speaks of giving place and priority to God and the assignment and mission He's given us. Everyone in the the body of Christ has an assignment/mission/set of orders. And when we submit or come under those orders and those above and beside and under us we walk in His wisdom... NO THREAT when

you rest in the fear of God.
No threat of shame or
servanthood

Independence, isolation and
independent rights are the
SIPHONING HOSE of
meaningful relationships.
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