

LEARNING TO LOVE

Based on the book by Willard Tate

Part 2: Reaching Out To Others In Love - Lesson 6

Four Ways To Change Your World

Intro: How do you change your little corner of the world? How do make it a better place to live? How do you show others about Christ even if you can't say word in public?

The way you can do all these things is to:

Help others feel that they are S_____!

Help others feel that they are V_____!

Help others feel that they have W_____ that can't be begged for, stolen, or bought!

If we can get people to U_____ and A_____ that (their worth & value to God), and we can show them the way we are growing in our understanding and acceptance of our own worth, then we can change the H_____, the C_____, the W_____ PLACE, and other R_____ of all kinds everywhere. In this second part of the book, I want to show you four ways that you can convey this sense of worth to others and in turn start the change for better and to show others the better way to live; in Christ.

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I. Giving People Total, Unconditional Acceptance

** We want people to know with certainty that we accept them for who they are and just as they are. No matter what they do or don't do, we'll still accept them just the same. (Tate)*

What did John say about this in John 13:34-35?

** People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.*

Why did Jesus command us to love?

What does this mean as far as the church teaching our doctrine?

** I'm not saying that the name you put on the sign in front of your church isn't important. I'm also not saying tht what you teach is not important. But the fact remains that you won't have a chance to teach people anything until they know you love and accept them. (Tate)*

Read Gal.5:14. How does "loving your neighbor" fulfill the law?

Read Ex.20:2-17 (10 Commandments).

The first 4 commandments deal with the S_____ of God. How did that help the Jews to love?

The last 6 commandments deal with R_____ with other P_____. The emphasis here is respect for M_____, respect for L_____, respect for P_____, respect for P_____, and for T_____. How did this help the Jews to love?

Read Col.3:12-14. What does Paul say about love?

Giving Acceptance

** Your strongest motivation is someone who believes in you. How would that help someone?*

What makes it so hard to give someone that motivation?

** To love the sinner and hate the sin, you must separate the person from his/her B_____.*

*** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Ro. 12:4-5 NIV).*