

# **Pieces Of Love**

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“Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? 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. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40.

The above verses, along with the recording of the conversation in Luke 10:25-37, form the basis of all proper interaction between man and God and between man and his fellow man. Failure to live your life with proper love will bring sin, disillusionment, pain, sorrow, and ultimately death, which results in separation from God.

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readeest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*, And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” Luke 10:25-37.

Jesus summarized in Matthew 22:36-40 God’s mission given to all mankind, to all men and women, which is to love both God and their fellow man. This statement of Jesus Christ is based on two Old Testament verses, Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. These principles form the basis of the Ten Commandments found at Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Every sin is a violation of giving the proper love to another. When we respect both God and others, we demonstrate that we love them. Disrespect shows others the lack of love.

We are all pieces of love, designed to show God’s handiwork to others in the world, and destined to work together to accomplish God’s plans. **We are all pieces of love destined to be used properly to please God.** When God breathed life into the human race, when He made man, or Adam, out of the dust of the earth, He imparted some of His Nature into us. Since God is love, it follows that we all have a measure (or part) of God’s love embedded within us, yearning to be exposed, developed, and nurtured to fulfill a planned destiny. This love is like a seed waiting to germinate to bring forth a fruitful harvest of wonderful love-inspired fruit.

If only we would discover how to properly allow this “God planted” love within us to grow, in good ground, properly watered and bathed in sun, and kept free of all weeds seeking to choke out its productive existence!

“And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Genesis 2:7.

God's love in us is His signature showing that He created us. We demonstrate to the world that we are His by living our lives as examples which radiate His love for all to clearly see. We are nothing without Him.

That is why the anti-Christ and False Prophet are clearly seen as counterfeits due to the lack of the Creator's signature of His truth and love flowing out from them. In fact, all who will be deceived by them are clearly identified as having refused a love for the truth and righteousness. Please read all of 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. There is no love for God's truth in them. They have exchanged the truth for a lie, and have been deceived.

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10.

We must therefore have a love for truth and righteousness to avoid following after anti-Christ. Only when God's love, which shines forth evidence of His Truth and Righteousness, is truly evidenced in our lives, will we be free from the shackles and tyranny of following after Satan's false version of Christ.

We must be the pieces of God's love that He has destined for us to be, to shine forth the bright light of His Truth and His Righteousness for all the world to see. We should encourage others by our thoughts, words, and deeds (actions). We should pray for one another and spread forth the healing balm of His love. When the pieces of love that God has scattered properly come together (rightly joined) in unity and one accord, there is no stopping the radiance and power of His love. All works of the enemy ultimately will be fully exposed, and also be destroyed, with Christ's breath (The Spirit of His mouth) and with the brightness of His coming.

### **Theft Of Love, Theft Of Opportunity**

Today, unfortunately, there is so much theft all around us. Stealing is becoming more and more common, and also is being rationalized and accepted by people, including those who call themselves Christians. Stealing is forbidden by God throughout the Bible, including both in the Ten Commandments (8th commandment, Exodus 20:15, “Thou shalt not steal.”) and also clearly stated in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 below:

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

The Ten Commandments deal with various types of stealing. They are designed to protect people from others stealing their life (murder), their family (adultery), or their property. They also deal strongly with people stealing the proper affection and respect we should each have toward God.

You are God's property. Do not defile or steal from what God has given you! Our lives should be a testimony of our stewardship about glorifying God. “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. People who misuse their time, their bodies, their talents, or their money are failing to glorify God and are stealing from Him.

A worker who fails to give his employer the proper productive work time that he or she has been paid for to do a job is committing fraud and stealing from the employer. All kinds of theft are stealing and are forbidden by God. Whether you download music or movies off the Internet without properly paying the copyright owner for them, or whether you walk into a store and steal an item, the theft is the same before God and man. In fact, in the U.S., the penalty for theft via copyright infringement is currently punishable by up to \$150,000 per item illegally downloaded, which is much more than the monetary penalty for stealing a music CD or a DVD movie from a store. Every Christian should be diligent to avoid any kinds of stealing from another, whether they think they can “get away with it” or not. Stealing opens up the legal door for the devil to attack you, and ushers sin into your life. The protection from God gets lifted from us whether we are walking in unforgiveness or whether we are stealing from another. Until we ask God for forgiveness and make things right, we are under a “cloud of sin” that results from our disobedient and unrighteous actions.

Every theft results in sin, or separation from God. There are many kinds of stealing and thefts, but all have the same consequence of ushering sin into a person’s life and making that person’s heart hardened to God. Eventually a person’s heart can become so hardened to God and to others that they lose hope for living.

Every time you steal, you take away the opportunity for someone else to benefit, gain, or enjoy what is rightfully theirs. You are stealing from their future and from the harvest due from their work.

If you are married, and someone steals away your spouse from you via committing adultery, they have stolen from your future and disrupted a life that was rightfully yours. You will likely have your world shaken to its core, and it may take years to “pick up the pieces” resulting from the sin of your spouse and the other person.

Unlawful disruption (in God’s eyes) of the life of another is sin. Stealing someone’s job, their livelihood, their house, their identity, their reputation, and their money or products is wrong and will reap punishment from God. You never know what plan of God you may abort or delay by stealing something from another. Remember that what you sow, you shall reap. If you sow good things, you reap good things, but if you sow bad things into the lives of others, bad things will eventually catch up with you and overtake you.

We are all to be demonstrating God’s love by being pieces of love, and anyone who sows bad things into the lives of others is clearly not functioning properly in a way pleasing to God. Love never steals, but rather gives. God is the God of Fair Balances, and He delights in a true scale and true business dealings. He desires that none would perish, but all would come to Jesus Christ and receive eternal life. He gives this gift freely to all who would truly believe upon Christ. But as with any offer, not everyone responds or properly accepts the offer, and unfortunately they miss out on the blessings and benefits that the offer would otherwise bring.

The greatest theft of all is an unsundered, unrepentant life! Those who never properly accept the grace of salvation through Jesus Christ have squandered away the opportunity that they had in life to discover Christ. Our life is not our own, but rather we are designed to be pieces of love to glorify God through our lives. Yet not everyone discovers the proper relationship destined for them through Christ, and many try to live life on their own strength, based on their own wisdom and their own self-sufficiency. They will ultimately fail!

God desires us to experience a full life, with His peace and love so filling us and radiating from us to affect others for His glory. We need to love the Lord with all our heart and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves!