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**L O V E**

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I just LOVE how the Lord can imprint our mind with His thoughts. He shared with me an interesting acronym for the word LOVE: **LET OTHERS VALUE EXCEL**

One of my favorite leadership teachers is John Maxwell and he often mentions how important it is to add value to people. I believe the Love of the Lord daily adds value to our life. His love prompted Him to die for our sins so we could live an abundant life. In essence, Christ demonstrated what it means to 'Let Others Value Excel.' When he gave us salvation the value of our life excelled wherein we can be or do something to a greater degree. Our destiny is achieved because of the Love of God. "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me (I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency," Philippians 4:13 (Amplified version). Wow! The thought of this type of Love supporting our existence is amazing!!!!

Christ intends for the Love He has given 'to' us to also be 'in' us. When one is filled with the Holy Spirit this LOVE dwells within. When the word of God is applied as written in 1 Corinthians 13 about Love, it is not a suggestion but an expectation. Please read it again and then think about it in terms of 'Let Others Value Excel.' An honest assessment reveals operating as the word teaches definitely enhances the life of others as our focus shifts to others and away from our self. The opening statement of this passage in vs. 1 says, "If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is **inspired by God's love for and in us**), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." Amplified Version

LET OTHERS VALUE EXCEL is another way of following the teaching of the Word in Philippians 2:3, "Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility [lowliness of mind] let each regard the other as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves]." Amplified Version

Prayer: Lord, Thank you for loving us to let our value excel. Daily prompt us to love one another the same way you love us. As your body models this style of love it will amaze the world and draw many to You. We submit to your Will and Your Power in us to fulfill this expectation and believe it is being accomplished, in Jesus name, Amen.

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