

## Be the Reason Someone Feels Loved!



WHEN ASKED IF MY CUP IS HALF-FULL OR HALF EMPTY, MY ONLY RESPONSE IS THAT I AM THANKFUL I HAVE A CUP.



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### Do YOU Make a Difference....?

Are you a whiner? Or, a complainer about all the things you feel you cannot change?

Or, do you have a heart that is thankful for your life, fanily, or grateful for your health that is good...?

If you grew up with folks like me, you might be a whiner. They could not even say "Love" – the nearest thing they said was, "I worry about you..." I had enough fear and dread in my life and I didn't need their worry! People didn't touch each other either.

I was a whiner until I matured as an adult.

People don't generally flock to people who are whiners or complainers. positive like Thev people! I found that out. Grim faces don't appeal to others. Smiling faces do! Have you noticed friendly folks...?

When you enter a home or group, what do you leave behind ...? Do people think you care about them? People don't care how much you know - they care if you care about them! Are you self-centered or 'all about you?'

This is a test article to help you <u>see</u> yourself. didn't like myself much when I was a whiner. I didn't think about others either. Just me and my problems.

Then I discovered life is bigger than personal problems!

PEOPLE are what makes life interesting. Can you imagine a world without people? I used to watch sci-fi movies, and saw them where people were all destroyed- it rocked me!

People are colorful; strong.

Do you encourage people when they are down Or,do you just don't care about others- just your family? I didn't care much about anyone when I was young.

If you get interested in others, you will begin to feel gifted. And grateful. Of course, not everyone is wonderful-some may be just like you! Selfabsorbed: no joy at all.

(Of course, we forgive those who are ill. who are self-absorbed.)

But what do people feel when you leave them behind – inspired or encouraged-laughing because you tell jokes? What are people supposed to feel when you leave them?

That you **care...!** When you ask God what Love is, He will tell you it is 'caring' —displaying caring and kindness for others. Helping hurting people..inspiring them. Living outside your world

You can't do that if you are selfish...only if you have a grateful heart. It's your choice! This determines what kind of person you are! Are you grateful...?

Did you know God has gifts for you?1 For **every**one.... But people don't receive them cuz they don't **believe...!** Or are ignorant of them.

Jesus said, "according to your faith will it be unto you."2 You cannot please God without faith!3 You must believe God is a **Rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him!4 It actually says this in the Bible.

Choices have a lot to do with where you land in the **future**. Good choices promote you.

I learned that at 15 vears old....to make better choices! Not to follow your emotions. I learned that at the library I spent a lot of time in! Thru books I read there; of great men and women!

**You** can learn by looking around you, at other people who have made selfish decisions. Show me your friends and I will show your future!

You can do without friends; you can't do without *guidance*! The Bible gives guidance. As well as parents who usually have your best interests in mind.

"Do not be deceived; Bad company ruins good morals." 4

Every time!

No matter what age you are -Choices frame your Life! And friends frame your choices...

Be a maverick. who doesn't follow the crowd. Think for your self & be a genuine person!Find who that is!

I made the mistake of living 2/3's of my life trying to please my Mother. When I gave that up, I became *Free*. It no longer mattered to me. I didn't know I was in bondange to her, but God set me Free...

You can be free too. Jesus was hung up for all of your hang-ups! I am now a living testimony what a free woman is!

Free Indeed.

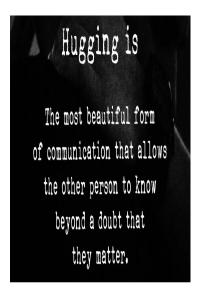
When Jesus sets you Free, you are "FREE Indeed."5

Surrender your life to Jesus today. He loves & cherishes you! I am sent to tell you this message.

He has a plan for your Life, and He means it!6

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# "To Do" List... - COUNT MY BLESSINGS - LET GO OF WHAT I CAN'T CONTROL - PRACTICE KINDNESS - LISTEN TO MY HEART - BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT I HAVE - JUST BREATHE Amen



## A NEW Commandment...

Most people don't know that Jesus gave His disciples (and us too) a NEW Commandment. What's new about it?

Scripture *does* give us the recipe of <u>Love</u> that we don't have! It calls it the R Royal Law. And Jesus further defines in John 13:34,35:

"A new commandment I give to you, That you love another, just as I have Loved you, you also are to love one another." Most people take this statement of Jesus as *just more of the same!* We're to love our neighbors and God.... Well, Jesus is talking to His disciples before the cross. And the secondary thing –the word AS is in there.

He wants our love to be intense & fiery & sacrificial, like <u>His!</u> Only God's people can ever achieve that, because worldly love is tainted...with SIN! Only His love is <u>pure</u>. Holy. Little children Have this innocence -but we are killing them by the millions... the **only** innocence left on this earth... Just my opinion here! But I will **say it.** 

We have a group of seven or eight people that has met on Fridays, for *over* ten years. The one that started it just died last year. We love each other with this fierce love, uniquely dedicated to each other in friendship, prayer & support via encouragement.

Family *Love* is similar to this sacrificial Love. A mother's Love, for example. It is a little bit of heaven....

God's innocent *Love* is such a high subject that I don't feel worthy to discuss it. It is sacrificial & unselfish, as Jesus demonstrated it on the cross.

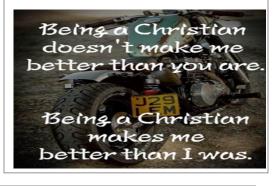
It is so tainted by Main Street Media Hollywood and television by sex, due to their lack of understanding of any **other** love! All entertainment today is about sex and bed-hopping.. In this group, we don't always agree on issues, but we are usually on the same page. Elders in the first church of Acts didn't always agree either, yet they worked miracles!

"Agreement" is an important concept in the Bible. This is what Jesus in scripture says about agreement:

"Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them, by my Father in heaven." Matt.18:19 I read a passage of the same verse that said this: "...if two of you make a symphony together, you shall have what you ask..." Why? Because the Greek word for agree Is sumphono, from which we get the word "symphony"

James - the half-brother of Jesus-called it the Royal Law and wrote about people who have this love, are attentive & sacrificial in ministry to the poor and needy... an elevated subject in his mind.

Love should be elevated in our own minds, but not the kind that contemporary churches preach - sloppy agape! Or, the world which never thinks believers should fault or criticize. **Real** *Love* uses discernment and abhors evil, per Rom.12,Ps.97:10; Prov.8:13,14.



## Dear Agatha - No Love Here....



References: 1.) Rom. 12;6
2.) Matt 9:29 3.) Heb 11:6
4.) Heb.11:6b 5)John 8:36
6.) Ephes.2:10 Jer. 29:10+
 If you use a daily
devotional – one scripture
a day – God promises to
 write that scripture on
 your heart! That is 365
 scriptures a year. A 1000
 scriptures is just 3 years!
 Be diligent in this...
 God will reward you.
 Amen

Dear Agatha: My pals that I hang around are so afraid of showing affection. They don't wanna be accused of being gay! Can you help? Anne Dearest Anne: You need new friends who are not so fearful of people. But it is what

it is, right now.... You must he examples to them by just being yourself, unafraid of what unafraid what people think or say. It is society that has shaped people's minds television-TV, thru most of their lives. And a pitiful kind of love...weak and void.

Of course, it's the devil! He has come for nothing But to <u>kill</u> relationships, friendships, marriages & families & personal lives.

Rob us of our faith and businesses and friends! Destroy good churches and ministries-it goes on.

He is the god of this world, as Jesus said. So he's powerful ...more powerful than *you*, Dear One! You need a source of more powerful than him – and it is available to you!

Invite Jesus to come live inside your heart - He is strong for you and is stronger than the devil.

He will send you the Holy Spirit in (Acts 1:8) to Empower you.

Jesus said He came to give us abundant lives – don't settle for any *less* than that! The devil will <u>tell</u> you, it's not for **you!**....

He is a liar and the father of them. And He said followers who believe his lies, have a devil as their father.

Yes, if you want victory & triumph, in you must gain it. It is worth it all, Friend!

The first years of my life were tragic, because on top of all this, I made poor choices but my choice to choose God over the devil changed my life. Amen and Amen.