

Think It Over

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Love Is the Essence of Who You Are

Matthew 22:37-40 (New King James Version)

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

This season and all the seasons are about how you honor Adonai and how you treat each other. You cannot find love if you do not know that you have a Creator who loves you, and created you for a purpose. Everybody wants to know that they were designed to give love and do well. We want to know that we were created for good and not evil. Am I right?

The problem is that we tend to look for love in all the wrong places. We will not find love by giving presents; we will not find this love by avoiding the things that we are afraid of or people who annoy us. We will only find love by becoming a vessel of love. How? By making the decision to love no matter what people give us. If they come at us with sarcasm, give them back love, with un-forgiveness, then give back love, with disappointment, then give back love, with a condescending tones, then give back love. The flip side of the equation is, if someone loves us, don't be sarcastic, unforgiving, judgmental or puffed up, just return their love by giving love.

Jesus was born to show us how to love in the midst of all circumstances. He did it. It is not always easy but we are His disciple, WE CAN DO IT!

John 3:16 (New International Version)

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life".

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