

The Key To Victory

Victory comes when love is present

What is love?

Webster defines it as: To have love or affection for

Love is a verb; specifically, a transitive verb

What is a transitive verb? Characterized by having or containing a direct object

What is a direct object? A word or phrase denoting the receiver of the action of a verb

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Psychology Today says that "Love is a force of nature. However much we may want to, we cannot command, demand, or take away love, any more than we can command the moon and the stars and the wind and the rain to come and go according to our whims.

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William Shakespeare is heralded by many as the world's most romantic dramatist and poet and he defines love as: "love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, and therefore is wing'd cupid painted blind."

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The Bible says: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a 4Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. 5It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs.

6Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. 7It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

8Love never fails.

Love - simply put, joyfully chooses to take an action, that promotes the interest or welfare of another, over one's self

Luke 22:42 42“Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Willing in Luke 22:42 comes from the Greek word “thelo” meaning to choose or prefer. This is where we get the English word “volunteer” meaning “to do without protest”. It also gives rise to the word Noble which is the trait of Kings and princes.

My flaws and faults do not define me. My position in Christ and the love that I show toward others, truly defines who I am. Love (good or bad) is the fruit that my life is producing. I can say whatever I want, but my true identity and nature is proven in my ability to show love. Romans 5:8 says: “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

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