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Eph. 4:11-16

*“I Love My Church Because It is THE
Place to Express My Love to Christ”*

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;
and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the
ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the
measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and
fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the
sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in
wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all
things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and
compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to
the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh
increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Our passions require...

- Dedication of time;
- Development of techniques;

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I. LOVE MOTIVATES TO DEDICATION OF TIME – PASSION

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A. Dedication Implements Discipline – *perspiration*

Eph. 4:12 For **the perfecting of the saints**, for **the work of the ministry**, for **the edifying of the body** of Christ:

1 Cor. 9:25 And **every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things**. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

Temperate = moderate or self-restrained; deny self and do what it takes to achieve the goal!

B. Dedication Influences Destiny – *participation*

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II. LOVE MOTIVATES TO DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS – PERFORMANCE

Eph. 4:16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part,** maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

I A. Desire Perpetuates Discernment

Phil. 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss **for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:** for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 **That I may know him,** and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Jn. 5:39 **Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**

Mt. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

B. Desire Promotes Development

Phil. 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, **I count not myself to have apprehended**: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor. 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? **So run, that ye may obtain.**

III. LOVE MOTIVATES TO DYNAMIC OF TEAM – PRODUCTION

Eph. 4:13 Till **we all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, *even* Christ:

16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

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A. Love for Christ Produces Love for All

Eph. 4:13 “Till **we all come in the unity of the faith...**”

Jn. 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**

Jn. 15:12 This is my commandment, **That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ...**

17 These things I command you, that **ye love one another.**

Rom. 13:8 Owe no man any thing, **but to love one another:** for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

1 Thess. 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for **ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.**

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

1 Jn. 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another**. ... 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

1 Jn. 4:7 **Beloved, let us love one another:** for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ... 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, **we ought also to love one another.**

2 Jn. 1:5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that **we love one another.**

Jn. 13:35 **By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

Rom. 12:10 **Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love**; in honour preferring one another;

Gal. 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another.**

Eph. 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, **forbearing one another in love**;

1 Thess. 3:12 And **the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another**, and toward all *men*, even as we do toward you:

Heb. 10:24 And **let us consider one another to provoke unto love** and to good works:

1 Pet. 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, **having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous**:

B. Love for Christ Prompts Loyalty for All

Eph. 4:16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

Rom. 12:5 So we, *being* many, are **one body in Christ**, and **every one members one of another.**

1 Cor. 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; **but that the members should have the same care one for another.**

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

LOVE IN ACTION!

Conclusion

Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.