

LIMIT

God & Humanity



God has given us the ability to live a LIMITED life.

Instead celebrate God's Perfection by indiscriminately loving one another.

*“You have heard that it was said,
‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR,
and hate your enemy.’*

*But I say to you, love your enemies, and
pray for those who persecute you
in order that*

*you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven;
for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

For if you love those who love you, what reward have you?

Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

*Therefore you are to **be perfect,**
as your heavenly Father **is perfect.**”*

Matthew 5:43-48 (NASB emphasis mine)



The only way to live a LIMITED life is to LIMIT God's intentions with your life. Of course, doubt, fear, anger, hate, and decaying lust are easily recognized as LIMITing God from being seen for who He is, Mr. Love. But what about love that is selective in its trust and fellowship? These traits can be viewed as good and wise yet from the above scriptures we quickly learn we fall miserably short of God's way of walking us out on this earth. When we LIMIT the love of God, by being selective in whom we love, good or bad, we live a lie.

What? Wisdom demands we LIMIT our love to those worthy of love, right? But remember, if God acted like this you would have no standing before Him even though Jesus stands on your behalf pointing to His hands, feet, and side, saying, 'Yes, I know, some of you are real scoundrels and should not be trusted with life, but unLIMITed love has nothing to do with what you do, but with who I AM.'

When we live by the dictates of our flesh and then feel sorry for doing so, we are still nothing more than a slave to our flesh. A sorry flesh at that. But when we love ourself, our right self, then we have a paradigm shift that transforms our thinking about ourself. We are no longer LIMITED, but set free to be. Yes, be just as accepting and forgiving as Father is toward us.

Look at it this way. The moment we LIMIT our love to another, we express a lie and LIMIT Father's love for His Son. That's right. We, with our simple trust of Jesus's finished work and residence of His person within us, is to be equally shared with the others or we LIMIT God.

To share equally the love of God to all is to image God to others the very way God has imaged Himself to us. This is the perfection which Jesus declared and we have both the right and duty to image. Remember then, to dole out love is to LIMIT God. To LIMIT what God can reflect through

our flesh is to obscure the light of God ready to shine out of all living.

Remembering Jesus's teaching on how to pray is really a teaching on God's will for how we are to live with one another.

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

(Matthew 6:12, NAS77)

Often in today's way of living the Christian faith we are encouraged to LIMIT our presentability before God. How? We remember what we have done and accept God's forgiveness toward us while in juxtaposition we remember what our neighbor has done toward us and show no charity. We accept God's letting go of our sins while retaining hate and distrust toward those Papa has equally forgiven. No wonder they will go in before us. How humbling and marvelous at the same time. Love has no LIMITs. God has no LIMITs.

*“If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar,
and remember that your brother has something against you,
leave your offering there before the altar,
and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother,
and then come and present your offering.”*

(Matthew 5:23-24, NAS77)

Being obedient, what offering do you then bring to God? **Your neighbor.** This is the same person (offering) Jesus brings to Papa. To conclude, we LIMIT God by being less gracious than He. We are perfect when we do not LIMIT His acceptance.

Years ago I equally ministered the Love of Father through His Son Jesus to the Jefferson State Prisoners. For hours I was face to face with the man who wrote bogus checks and the one who took any life he desired. I learned the only LIMIT to God facing them was my inability to trust God's Love for them.



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