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LOVE IS...

Are you struggling with engaging in a meaningful devotional time? Paul Tripp in his devotional, "The Invitation To Love," focuses his attention on 23 things that **LOVE IS...**

This is a powerful, practical, and user friendly way to remind that **LOVE IS...**

1. **LOVE IS...**being willing to have your life complicated by the needs and struggles of others without impatience or anger.
2. **LOVE IS...**actively fighting the temptation to be critical and judgmental toward another while looking for ways to encourage and praise.
3. **LOVE IS...**making a daily commitment to resist the needless moments of conflict that come from pointing out and responding to minor offenses.
4. **LOVE IS...**being lovingly honest and humbly approachable in times of misunderstanding.
5. **LOVE IS...**being more committed to unity and understanding than you are to winning, accusing, or being right.
6. **LOVE IS...**making a daily commitment to admit your sin, weakness, and failure and to resist the temptation to offer an excuse or shift the blame.
7. **LOVE IS...**being willing, when confronted by another, to examine your heart rather than rising to your defense or shifting the focus.
8. **LOVE IS...**making a daily commitment to grow in love so that the love you offer to another is increasingly selfless, mature, and patient.
9. **LOVE IS...**being unwilling to do what is wrong when you have been wronged, but looking for concrete and specific ways to overcome evil with good.
10. **LOVE IS...**being a good student of another, looking for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs so that in some way you can remove the burden, support them as they carry it, or encourage them along the way.
11. **LOVE IS...**being willing to invest the time necessary to discuss, examine, and understand the relational problems you face, staying on task until the problem is removed or you have agreed upon a strategy of response.
12. **LOVE IS...**being willing to always ask for forgiveness and always being committed to grant forgiveness when it is requested...
13. **LOVE IS...**recognizing the high value of trust in a relationship and being faithful to your promises and true to your word.
14. **LOVE IS...**speaking kindly and gently, even in moments of disagreement, refusing to attack the other person's character or assault their intelligence.
15. **LOVE IS...**being unwilling to flatter, lie, manipulate, or deceive in any way in order to co-opt the other person into giving you what you want or doing something your way.
16. **LOVE IS...**being unwilling to ask another person to be the source of your identity, meaning, and purpose, or inner sense of well-being, while refusing to be the source of theirs.
17. **LOVE IS...**the willingness to have less free time, less sleep, and a busier schedule in order to be faithful to what God has called you to be and to do as a spouse, parent, neighbor, etc.
18. **LOVE IS...**a commitment to say no to selfish instincts and to do everything that is within your ability to promote real unity, functional understanding, and active love in your relationship.
19. **LOVE IS...**staying faithful to your commitment to treat another with appreciation, respect, and grace, even in moments when the other person doesn't seem deserving or is unwilling to reciprocate.
20. **LOVE IS...**the willingness to make regular and costly sacrifices for the sake of a relationship without asking for anything in return or using your sacrifices to place the other person in your debt.
21. **LOVE IS...**being unwilling to make any personal decision or choice that would harm a relationship, hurt the other person, or weaken the bond of trust between you.
22. **LOVE IS...**refusing to be self-focused or demanding, but instead looking for specific ways to serve, support, and encourage, even when you are busy or tired.
23. **LOVE IS...**daily admitting to yourself, the other person, and God that you are unable to be driven by a cruciform love without God's protecting, providing, forgiving, rescuing, and delivering grace.

Paul Tripp

"The Invitation To Love"

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

Sobering Reminders from 3000 Years Ago.

– Psalm 37:1-11

“Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the desires of your
heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this;
He will make your righteousness shine
like the dawn, the justice of your cause
like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when men succeed in their
ways, when they carry out their wicked
schemes.

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret – it leads only to evil.
For evil men will be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord will in-
herit the land.

A little while,
and the wicked will be no more:
though you look for them;
they will not be found.
But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy great peace.”



Dan Cooper
aka
“Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman”

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Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

The Discipline of Preaching the Gospel to Ourselves (Part 2)

On August 6th, I shared with you the spiritual discipline or practice of preaching the Gospel to ourselves from Paul Tripp. Yes! As stated previously we all preach to ourselves daily. The question is, “What are we preaching to ourselves?” Remember, we are our biggest influencers! If you recall the words of Paul Tripp that I shared previously, *“No one is more influential in your life than you are. Because no one talks to you more than you do.”* Again, what gospel message do we preach to ourselves on a daily basis? The messages that we preach to ourselves are packed with the power to influence the way that we live and decisions that we make. Here’s a more pivotal question, what gospel message do we preach to ourselves when we’re angry, fearful, in a panic, and or discouraged? In these difficult times, do I forget what I say I believe or confess about Jesus Christ? Do you forget what you say you believe or confess about Jesus Christ? In other words, when we face the trials of life, are we able to preach **(Romans 8:37-39)** to ourselves? Here’s the text, *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Are we able to preach to ourselves and experience the peace, comfort and assurance that’s offered in this text during difficult times? Paul Tripp puts it this way, *“In our sin, we constantly find our responses to life in our fallen world to be **disconnected from the theology that we confess**. Anger, fear, panic, discouragement stalk our hearts and whispers in our ears a false gospel that will lure our lives away from what we say we believe.”* Wow! Let’s encourage one another to preach the Gospel to ourselves and actively believe!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Back to school means back to Bible class! Children have opportunities to learn, fellowship and have fun on Sundays at 9:00 am, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and during Sunday's sermon. Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors! Volunteer to teach, play with the young ones in nursery, lead activities during the sermon time, decorate the children's wing or perform in the puppet ministry. See Robin Steward in the foyer after worship or call her at 856-264-9003 to volunteer to serve. Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT - Do you have extra clothing or accessories clogging up your closets and dressers? Bring it to the 2nd Annual Pitman Road Clothing and Accessory Swap!

Where: Pitman Road Church of Christ, Family Life Center

When: Saturday, September 9th, 10am to 12 noon

Who: Ladies and Teens!

Bring: Gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, and children's clothes

How it works: As people arrive with their items, areas will be designated by category: dresses, tops, jackets, pants, jeans, kids clothes, shoes, jewelry, hats & scarves, etc. While items are being organized everyone can mingle, enjoy some light refreshments, and browse the treasures coming in. Then we will start the swap! Any leftover, unwanted items will be donated to Angels of God Clothing Closet in Pitman.

Clean out your closets and bring your clothes, shoes, accessories, and children's clothing to trade with old and new friends!

Contact Brittany Spaeth brittanyfbanks@gmail.com or Rebekah Lazar doesthatcomeingold@gmail.com with questions!

What will be happening in September...

What will not be happening in September...

- NEW CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY September 3
- NEW CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY September 6
- MUNCHKIN MINISTRY BEGINS Sunday, September 10
- LIFE GROUPS BEGIN MEETING, Sunday, September 10
- MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS September 11
- WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS September 19
- **WE WILL NOT BE HAVING WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS.**
There will be tables set up for those who would like to bring their meal and eat at the building.

Women of the Church! Please join us for:

Pitman Road Church of Christ Women's Brunch Fellowship

Theme: Hidden Treasure!

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2017
9am - 12 noon Family Life Center



Friends welcome!

RSVP Diana Hutchinson or Brenda Busch

CRUISIN' WITH A CAUSE

West Atco Youth in Action Inc.

Proudly invites you to attend our
3rd Annual FUNdraiser

Welcome Aboard the Fantastic...

Ben Franklin Yacht



Pier 24 (Next to Dave & Busters), 401 North Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19123

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

Boarding Time: 12:30pm

Sailing Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Tickets: Early Bird \$65/pp prior to 9/10/17
\$75.00/pp after 9/10/17

Enjoy a 3 hour afternoon cruise along the Delaware River showcasing scenic Penns Landing and Camden Waterfront * Delicious Buffet with Cash Bar option * Live DJ and MC rocking the boat * Dancing * Door Prizes * 50/50 Raffle *Themed Raffle Baskets *Corporate Package Available
Mission Statement: West Atco Youth in Action Inc. is a grass roots, nonprofit 501c(3), community based organization established 27 years ago with the sole purpose of increasing academic standards of children in low to moderate income areas.

All proceeds to benefit the West Atco Youth Center. Portion of Ticket price is tax deductible. Must be 21 years or older. Please make checks out to West Atco Youth in Action, Inc.

For more Information please call 856-753-3790
Tickets go on sale August 1st. Also visit our website at www.westatcovia.com

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	98
Worship	180
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC
Contribution	\$6,587.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise:

I have great news to share with you about my Mom. **Barby Jo Crema**. This past Monday we met with her doctors at Jefferson. They were very pleased (to say the least) with her recent scans which showed no growth in her liver and to all of our delights some shrinkage as well! She is stable at this time and does not need any embolization treatments for the next two months! Thank you so much for all of your prayers! Please keep them lifted up on Mom's behalf. God is so good all the time and listens and answers our prayers. Her next scans will be in the beginning of October. Love in Christ, Noreen

Prayers Requested:

Dianne Perales: Presently awaiting an appointment with a hematologist and an oncologist. Dianne is seeking our prayers. She has no appetite, she has lost 13 pounds, she was in the ER this past Sunday. She has undergone several tests and scans. They can find nothing! She stated that she is really sick and simply ask that we pray!

Harry Steward Now recovering at home

Brenda Busch, continued prayers for stable blood pressure.

Mary Jetton, Continuing prayers would be deeply appreciated.

Frank Sheehan, Pain is now managed! Asking for our prayers as he begins physical therapy.

Pat Schuehler: Prayers that she's able to have her throat operation

Ted Schuehler: Prayers for Ted's health as he is experiencing an extra heart beat; arrhythmia

Jayne Schofield as she is in West Virginia, taking care of a family member.

Response:

Steve DePrince responded to the invitation on Sunday morning, wishing to thank those who prayed for him, and who sat with him and Jayne during his recent surgery. Special appreciation to those who were there with him during the day of his surgery. (You know who you are!). It will take a while to determine how successful the surgery actually was.

Sympathy:

Betty Davis' sister, **Flonnie McCorkle** (Tim Davis' aunt) passed away in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Jim and Betty made the trip for the service and are staying there with her other sister until August 20th! Please keep their family in your prayers! Thank you!

Traveling:

A large number of our college students and their families are traveling; in some cases just up the road, and in other cases half way across the country. Pray for safe travel, smooth transition and adjustment, and for an awesome fall semester!

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Elder on Call for July and August: Garth Hutchinson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lynne Sbaraglia
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Back Entrance	Joe Marshall
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	John Peoples & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Corey Peoples






Addie Adams was baptized at Camp Manatawny on July 22, 2017 by the director of Intermediate Week, Jonathan Woodall.

We rejoice with Addie and her family and we celebrate that once again, Camp Manatawny is playing a pivotal roll in

our young people's spiritual development.

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