

## THE UNDENIABLE LAWS OF LIFE – The Law of Love

In **John 10:10** Jesus said, ***“I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly.”*** What Jesus was literally saying is that He came that we may have life, and that we may have life in superabundance - above the ordinary. But a successful life, one that is overflowing with God’s blessings, is not an accident. A successful life is a definite result of continuous, persistent action in the unrelenting pursuit of God in a manner that is consistent with the universal laws He has put into operation.

To operate in universal principles you require understanding. Understanding is the power by which you obtain truth or knowledge. Understanding will always take the most effective route to the achievement of any goal. Understanding will open every door of opportunity to you and will give you access to all of God’s resources. **Proverbs 2:2** says, ***“Apply your heart to understanding.”*** **Proverbs 4:7** says, ***“In all your getting, get understanding.”*** **Proverbs 16:22** says, ***“Understanding is a wellspring of life.”***

Understanding the undeniable laws of life is your personal “master key” to success.

Successful people are not necessarily smarter or better than others. They have discovered and understood the underlying principles of life and begun applying them before others have. Now, if you’re behind, you can catch up, and faster than you might have thought possible. When you begin practising these laws every day, in everything you do, you will begin to make progress faster and easier than ever before. Note, there are no real limits except the ones you place on yourself. So stop looking at where you have been, and start looking at where you can be.

The first undeniable law of life is The Law of Love.

### **THE LAW OF LOVE**

Love is the channel through which every human endeavour should pass, because love has the power to bring about success - ***“Love never fails”*** [**1 Corinthians 13:8**]. I believe that one of the reasons why love never fails is because it empowers, or commissions, all the other laws of life. To love, is the single commandment Jesus gave us [**John 15:12**], and it transcends all other laws. **1 Corinthians 13:13**, ***“And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*** When you obey the Law of Love you can implement any other law of life with complete confidence.

What still fascinates me about Jesus is the love factor. It astounded the Roman mentality of the first century. The armies of man accustomed to the use of force found the power of love beyond their comprehension. And it’s still the same today. The love factor confuses the unbeliever [the non-Christian] who equates love with approval or performance. ***“I love you if you will love me back.”*** But “agape” is totally unconditional. “Agape” loves the unqualified! “Agape” is dependent on the attitude and character of its source and not the recipient [the one at the receiving end]. “Agape” is the placement of true value on another person. And “agape” is perpetuated through giving. “Agape” is the God kind of love - another kind of love.

When your attitude is love, it will always result in you giving. Giving in love is depriving yourself in order to benefit another. ***“For God so loved... He gave”*** [**John 3:16**]. ***“... Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it”*** [**Ephesians 5:25**]. ***“Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us”*** [**Ephesians 5:2**].

Notice that when you operate in the Law of Love you activate the Law of Sowing and Reaping (Cause and Effect). How does this work? Giving out of love is the best seed that you can sow into any area of your life. It

will cause all forms of prosperity to flow back to you and bring about success in all matters of life. Therefore, liberal giving = abundant living.

Why not go through this simple exercise? Examine the most important parts of your life - your family, your health, your work, your financial situation and all your church activities. Then try to observe the “cause and effect” created in those relationships because you; gave out of love, not gave enough love, or not gave any love at all. If you are being honest with yourself, you will find that every area that now needs attention, simply needed more love back then. If you did not provide sufficient love, or did not operate in an attitude of love that neglected part (in any aspect of life), becomes dysfunctional.

For instance, if you do not love yourself sufficiently, you may neglect your health and get sick, overweight or even too thin. *You must love yourself before you can love others!* If you are not bringing sufficient love into the workplace, you are probably not going to be that popular in your job. *Sow love - get love!* If you don't show love and appreciation toward your children, they will never respect you. *Respect breeds respect!* If your financial situation is grim, maybe you have not loved enough to give away enough. *Sow bountifully, reap bountifully!* Whatever has become dysfunctional in your life can probably be put down to an absence of, or lack of – love. Insufficient love has a very negative effect on your relationships, health, finances and ministry.

Love is the very foundation upon which you should build your entire value system. And your value system should be the measure for all your activities.

**Ephesians 3:17-19** confirms this, ***“I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge; that you may be filled with the fullness of God.”***

To be rooted and grounded in love, and consequently, to know the love of Christ, is the essence of a greater fullness. *All the fullness of God* speaks of more than one experience or one aspect, it points to all of God's blessings, resources and wisdom. That is, whatever has been made available to you through Jesus Christ – the means by which you can live a successful life.

When you operate in love you in fact operate in God. **1 John 4:16** declares, ***“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him.”*** This has to be the most profound truth concerning the Law of Love. When you choose to abide in love toward your fellow man, you get to hang out with God and He gets to hang out with you. Love brings about perfect and complete fellowship between the Creator and His creation. It's like being back in the garden of Eden once more. And consequently all dominion is yours. You can then legitimately rule and reign on this earth.

Note, when you choose to operate in the law of love, God's promise for a successful and abundant future is yours. You then have His awesome power impregnating every situation to cause victory. Live in love - live in victory!