

“Claiming My ‘Peace’ of Heaven in 2011”
Today’s Lesson
Love Is Born
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Minot Lighthouse

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What is so special about Minot’s lighthouse off the coast of Massachusetts?

Many sailors have searched for this lighthouse because it is like no other in the world. The signal it sends out into the foggy gray black night spells out “I love you” in nautical code. Several years ago, the Coast Guard decided to put in modern equipment. They told the public they were going to put in a regular signal light that just flashes. The whole state rose up against this move. Sailors from around the world who had been touched in the middle of the night protested. Finally the Coast Guard backed down and the old lighthouse is still there. All night long in fog or good weather, in nautical code it flashes out “I love you.” Sailors from around the world continue this day to make it their quest to see the light and its message.

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In his article, The Commitment of Love, Eric Butterworth writes, “Love is not something you do or try, love is being. Love is not finding the right person, it is becoming the right person.”

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The song Love Came Down At Christmas affirms what sociologists continue to be amazed at: Christmas time is the only time of the year that the human heart opens up long enough to let others into it through the acts of giving and receiving.

There is no other holiday or celebration or rite of passage that brings more people together than Christmas time.

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Once there was a young man who went in search of the oldest thing on earth. He talked to young and old as he traveled all over the land. As he went from one town to another he was often rewarded by beautiful vistas and stories of very ancient things. And each time he heard a story he rushed off to find it. After many years of traveling the once young man returned home an old man, still not having found that for which he had searched for.

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One day as he sat in his garden, a little girl passed holding an old doll tenderly in her arms. He watched her smooth its rough tangled hair and speak to it as a mother would to her baby. "At last", thought the old man, "what I had spent most of my life searching for was here all the time..."

The oldest thing in the world is love."

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Last week I talked about expressing the Christ pattern in our lives, so how do we express more of this activity of divine love in our lives?

By using the alphabet for love:

A = Accepts
B = Behaves
C = Cheers

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D = Defends.
E = Enriches.
F = Forgives.
G = Grows.
H = Helps.
I = Includes.
J = Joins.
K = Kneels. (humble)

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L = Listens.
M = Motivates.
N = Notices.
O = Overlooks.
P = Provides.
Q = Quiets.
R = Respects.
S = Surprises.

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T = Tries.
U = Understands.
V = Volunteers.
W = Warms.
X = Expects.
Y = Yields.
Z = Adds Zip in your life!

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There is a story about a young business women who used the alphabet of love in her life to help her become a success:

Mary decided to open a business in a location where two others had failed and gone bankrupt. When she looked at the building and its location, there was something that told her this was the place. She just knew that this was were she was to begin. Her friends said, "Mary, location is everything to a business. Others have failed there, you can't possibly start a business at that location."

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Mary looked them straight in the eyes and said, "I'm going to use a secret they didn't use." Mary opened up a restaurant and candy store and within six months had people waiting in line to get into her place of business. On the 1st anniversary of her business she closed the restaurant and invited all her friends and relatives to join her for an anniversary party. They all wanted to know what her secret was. They wanted to know why she was able to be such a success when every business that started there failed.

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Mary just smiled and said, "When I decided to open my business I also decided to test what Jesus had commanded to his followers before he ascended, 'To love one another as I have loved you.' And so I just loved and blessed all my customers. I loved the complaining man as well as the satisfied customers. When a customer leaves my place they not only get a personal invitation to come back, I silently send them a blessing of love and pray for their prosperity and happiness. When there are periods that I have no customers in the store I bless the people with love as they drive by on the street, praying they have a safe journey. The expression of love in word, deed, and thought is the secret for success."

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Unity teaches that love is a power we all have. All we have to do is allow it to be released from within us, let it work through us. Love will never let us down.

There is nothing you or I have ever done, ever said, or ever thought that can destroy the love God has for us.

God sees more in us than we see in ourselves. Love in word, deed, and thought is the secret for every success.