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# GOD'S LAW OF LOVE



Summary of the Scriptural  
Basis for the Law of Love!

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# THE LAW OF LOVE DEALS WITH VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES

—our physical lives, our spiritual lives, our daily interaction with others, our ministries and much more. This is an important and fundamental *tenet*\* of our faith.

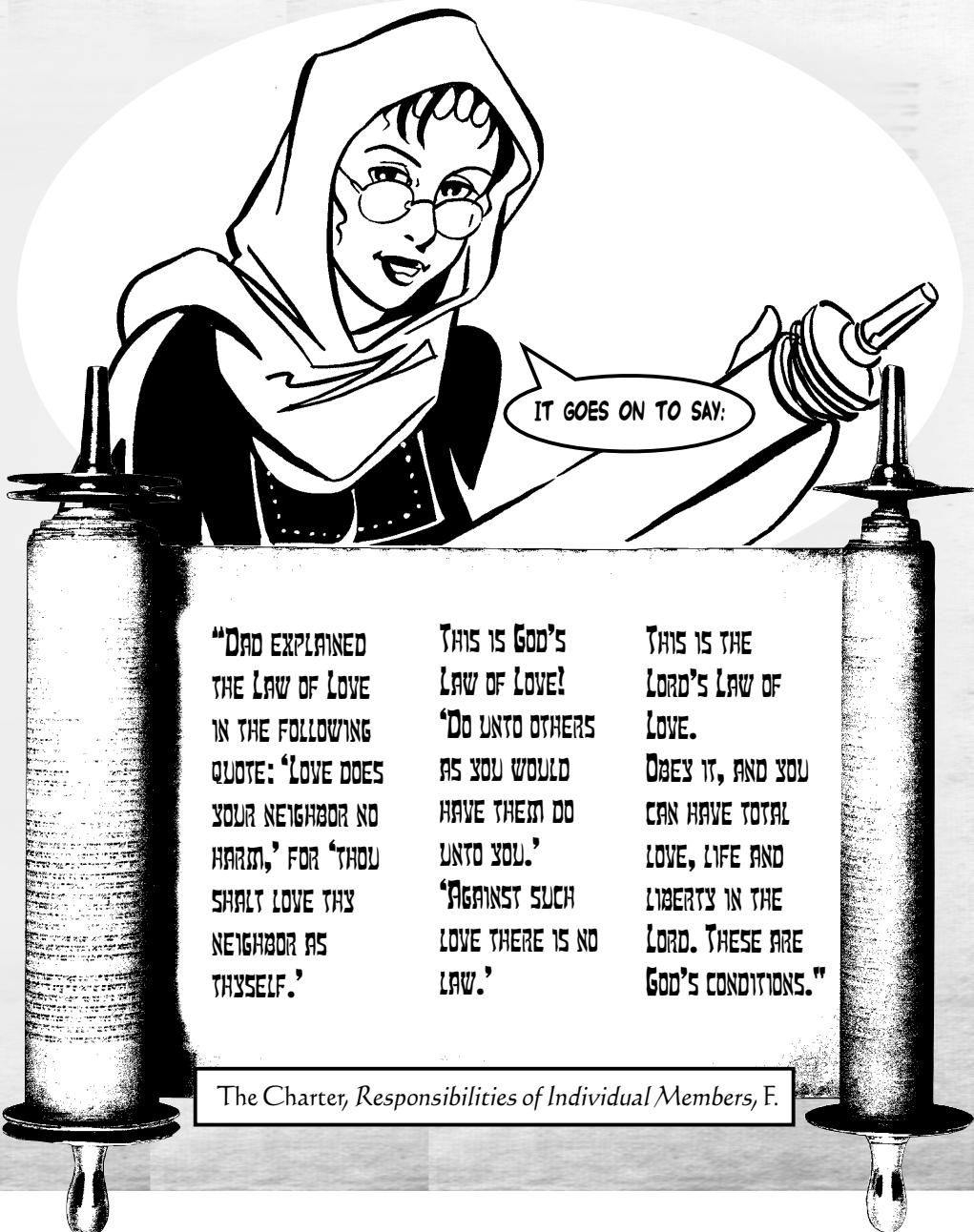
The Law of Love is the loving principle that governs *all* our daily activities.  
(See also *Word Basics*, p.248, Law of Christ.)

So the Law of Love is the Godly principle by which our *entire* lives, as Christians, should be governed. Jesus summed it up very simply in the famous "Golden Rule," giving us the key to our relationships with others:



Ideally, this loving principle should guide *all* of our actions with others.  
(ML #2858:2.)

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“DAD EXPLAINED THE LAW OF LOVE IN THE FOLLOWING QUOTE: ‘LOVE DOES YOUR NEIGHBOR NO HARM,’ FOR ‘THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.’

THIS IS GOD’S LAW OF LOVE! ‘DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.’ ‘AGAINST SUCH LOVE THERE IS NO LAW.’

THIS IS THE LORD’S LAW OF LOVE. OBEY IT, AND YOU CAN HAVE TOTAL LOVE, LIFE AND LIBERTY IN THE LORD. THESE ARE GOD’S CONDITIONS.”

The Charter, Responsibilities of Individual Members, F.

MASTER, WHICH IS THE GREAT COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW?

Living the Law of Love is simply living what Jesus said is the law, the great commandment—to love. (Mat.7:12).

THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT.

AND THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS!

(Mat.22:36-40).

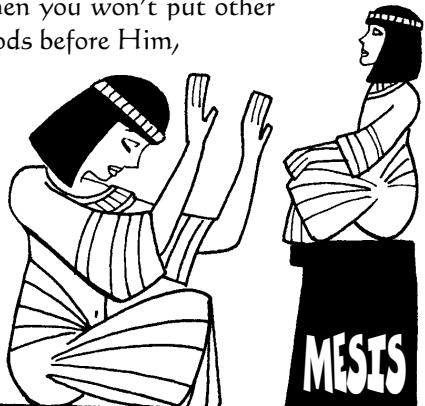
"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Gal.5:14).

This **LAW OF LOVE** that Jesus proclaimed—loving God first, and loving others as yourself—fulfills all the other Biblical law.

It means that we are free from all the old Biblical law.

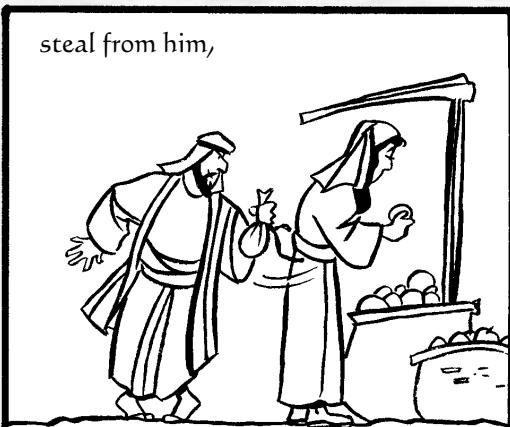
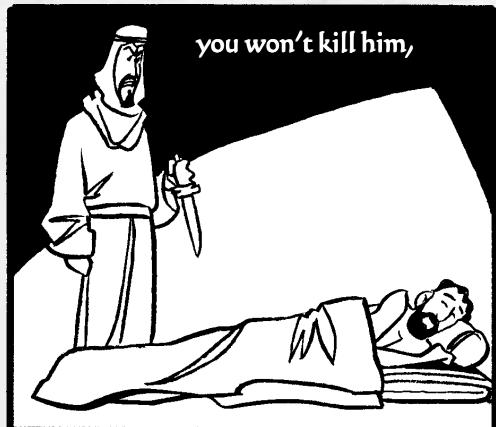
For example, if you **LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL AND MIND**,

then you won't put other gods before Him,



nor take His Name in vain.

# IF YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,



The **reason** you won't do these things is because of **love**.

You don't need the Biblical law to keep you from doing these things; you simply refrain from doing them because to do them would be unloving.

I want to make sure you understand the point that when we talk about living the Law of Love, we're talking about loving your brothers and sisters and putting that love into tangible, everyday action.

**It's about sacrificial living, giving of yourself to others, helping those in need, living in unity, and bearing one another's burdens.**

(Jesus speaking:)

**The LAW OF LOVE** is simply loving others unselfishly, without regard for self.

For in this unselfishness and in this life of sacrificial giving and loving, you not only allow yourselves to help many others, but you allow Me to pour out My blessings upon you.

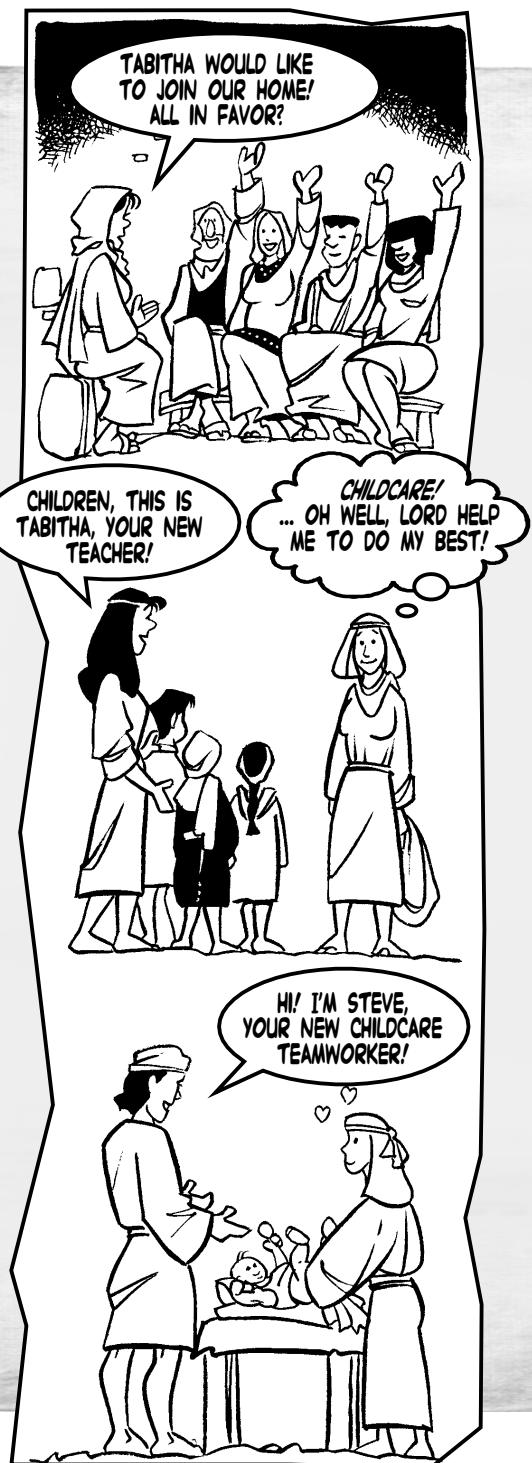
For I bless the unselfish and the sacrificial.

I bless those who are humble, and I withdraw some of My blessings from those who insist on their own way.

Therefore, by your choosing this unselfish and sacrificial mode of living, which is called the **LAW OF LOVE**, you have opened yourselves up to great happiness from Me, and My blessing upon your lives.

My **LAW OF LOVE** is first of all that you love Me with all your heart and soul and mind, and second that you love your neighbor as yourself.

The greatest way My love is manifested is in the laying down of your life for another. It's in giving your life totally to Me so that I can use it to show My love to others.



You must learn the gift of  
**ENCOURAGEMENT.**

You must learn the  
gift of **COMFORT,**

YOU PREPARED A  
DELICIOUS MEAL!

the gift of  
**SIMPLICITY,**

THANK YOU, LORD,  
FOR SIMPLE FOOD!

DON'T WORRY,  
I KNOW THE LORD  
WILL WORK IT  
ALL OUT!

the gift of  
**PREFERRING  
ONE  
ANOTHER,**

HAVE THE LAST  
APPLE!

THESE  
ARE ALL PART  
OF THE LAW OF LOVE.

These aspects are all  
part of loving one  
another.

HERE, I'LL TAKE  
YOUR PLATE!

the gift of **DOING A LITTLE EXTRA  
FOR YOUR BROTHER (OR SISTER),**

the gift of **SYMPATHY AND  
COMPASSION AND OF  
FEELING THE PAIN WHICH  
OTHERS SUFFER.**

*(Mama:)* So when the Lord said the Family needed to live the Law of Love more, He was talking about the **totality** of it—living in love and harmony with one another, doing no harm to your neighbor, loving your neighbor as yourself—the **full** application of the Law of Love! I can't emphasize enough how vital it is to understand that the Law of Love is what should motivate us in *all* that we do, and what should be the foundation principle in all of our decisions and interactions with each other.

# "AMAZING GRACE!"

Jesus Himself never gave any laws, except the Law of Love! Jesus said that this one simple law—*love*—is all the Law as well as all the Prophets!

That's pretty **broad** coverage!

That takes in the entire Old Testament,  
"the Law and the Prophets!" Jesus  
said that's the whole works,  
the whole Bible, that's  
***all* the Law—*Love!***

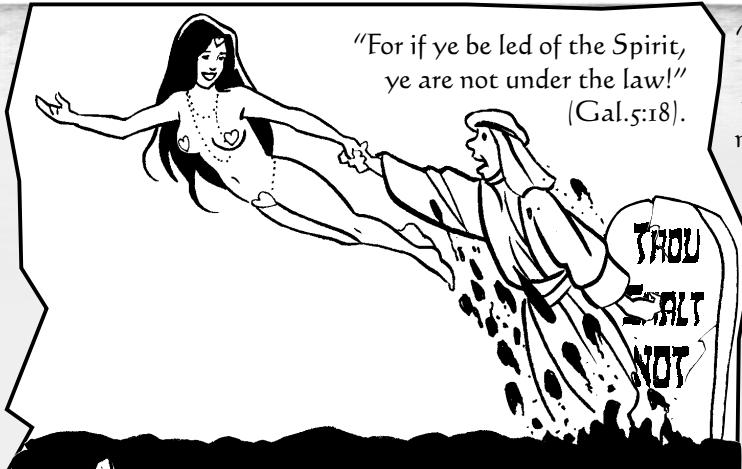
In other words,  
if you love God  
and you love  
others, what  
do you need  
with any  
other laws?

You're not going  
to hurt anybody,  
you're not going  
to be selfish,  
you're not going  
to do anything  
that will hurt  
anybody  
else!

SHE SHOULD BE  
STONED!

NEITHER DO I  
CONDAMN THEE: GO  
AND SIN NO MORE.

# FOR THOSE WHO ARE FILLED WITH HIS SPIRIT OF LOVE, LOVE IS THE ONLY RULE!



"For if ye be led of the Spirit,  
ye are not under the law!"  
(Gal.5:18).

"If ye fulfill the royal law  
according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy  
neighbor as thyself, ye do  
well." (Jam. 2:8).

"Whatsoever you do  
in word or in deed, do  
all to the glory of  
God!" (Col.3:17;  
1Cor.10:31). That's our  
rule, God's rule.

What are the greatest  
commandments?—

"Love God with all  
your heart, love your  
neighbor as yourself!"

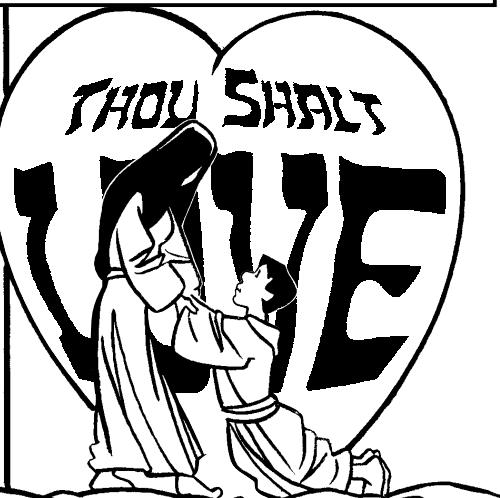
If it lives up to  
those rules, then  
it's for the glory of  
God; and if you  
love the Lord and  
you love your  
neighbor and it's  
for love, and in  
love, and has good  
loving results,  
praise God!

## HIS LAW OF LOVE IS THE MOST BINDING LAW OF ALL!

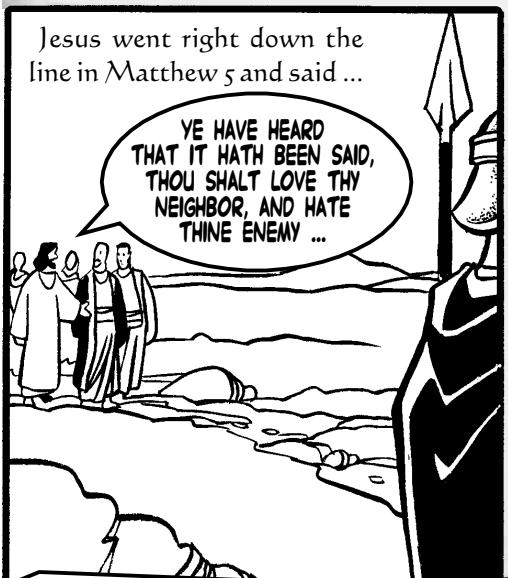
—Because God's Law of Love not only says you can't steal, can't kill, can't do  
this, can't do that, etc., but that you've also got to **love** everybody!—Which is one  
of the hardest things of all to do!

The Ten Commandments said that we were just to do that which was just and righteous,

but under Jesus' Law of Love we are to do **more** than justice and righteousness, we are to have **love** and **mercy**.



But Jesus says, "Do unto **others** what you want **them** to do to **you**" (Mat. 7:12) —not just whatever they **do** to you, but what you **want** them to do to you.—This is love.



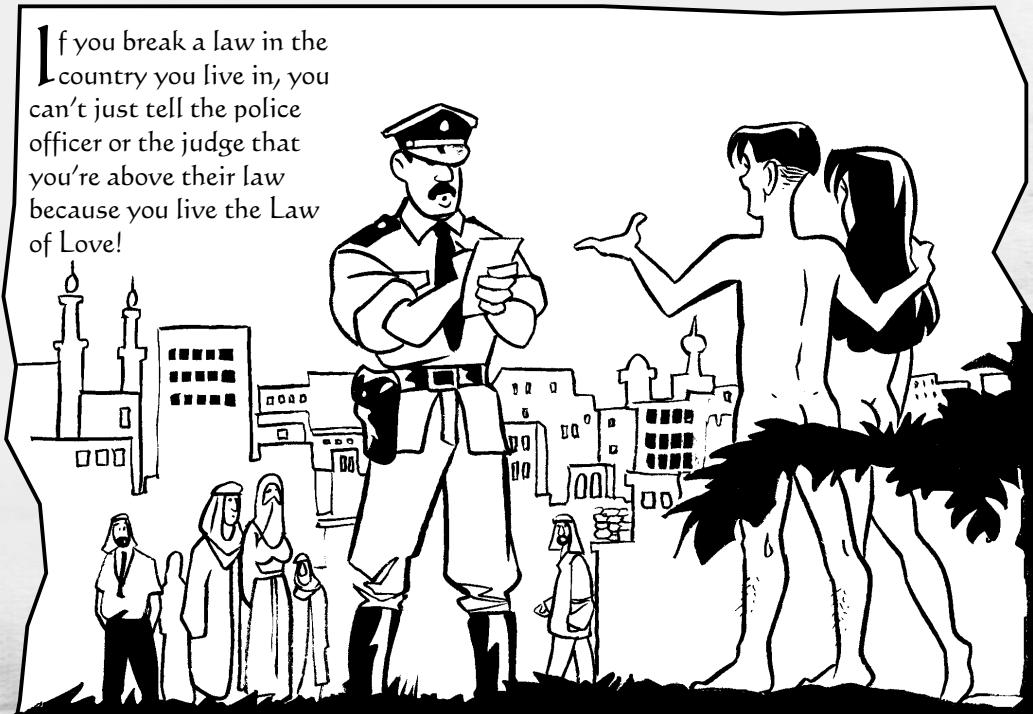
**THAT'S THE LAW OF LOVE!**

**WHICH SHOWS IT'S EVEN GREATER AND STRICTER THAN THE OLD MOSAIC LAW!**

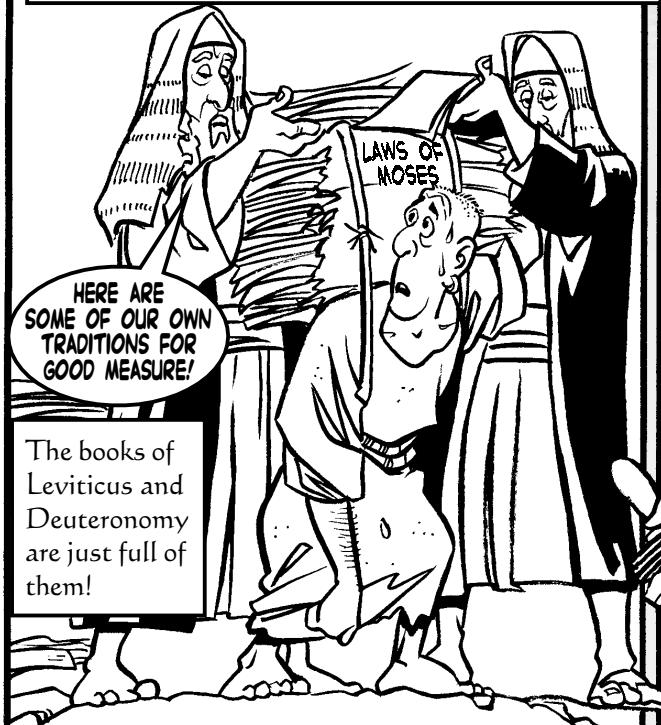


Of course, this doesn't mean that we're free from all of **society's** laws.

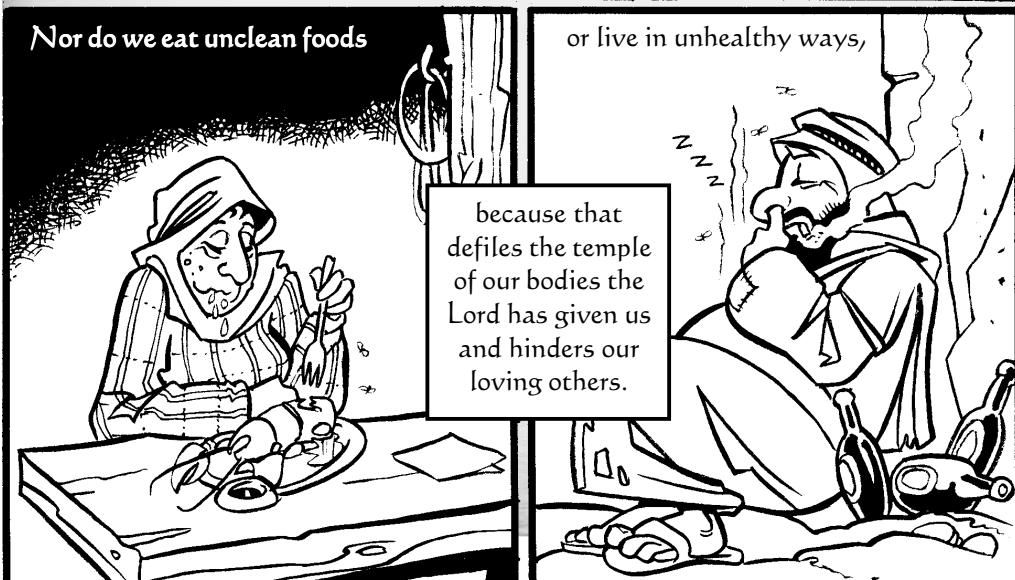
If you break a law in the country you live in, you can't just tell the police officer or the judge that you're above their law because you live the Law of Love!



Dad is talking about **Biblical** laws that we're free from, and there were hundreds of rules under the Mosaic Law in the Old Testament.



OF COURSE, WE DO  
PRACTICE SOME ASPECTS OF  
THE MOSAIC LAW JUST BECAUSE  
OF COMMON SENSE—AND AS A  
PART OF LOVE.



"If you love your neighbor as yourself, you'll put yourself in his place, and wonder how you would feel if you were there, and wonder what you would want and need to have fulfilled, amen?" (ML #648:54).

This is what the Law of Love is all about—giving love, in deed and in truth, to those in need. And that is why when we get **away** from living the Law of Love, we have **problems!**



The Law of Love is the cornerstone of our Family,  
the basis of our whole way of life.

# That's Love!

LET'S SEE, I CAN DO  
THIS AND THAT AND  
...

WHEN WE SEE CHILDREN IN  
OUR HOMES WHO NEED A  
FATHER FIGURE

LET OL' SHOW YOU JACK  
DONE!

YAY!

OR A SINGLE PARENT WHO  
NEEDS HELP

BEDTIME,  
BOYS!

OR SOMEONE  
IN NEED OF  
A FRIEND

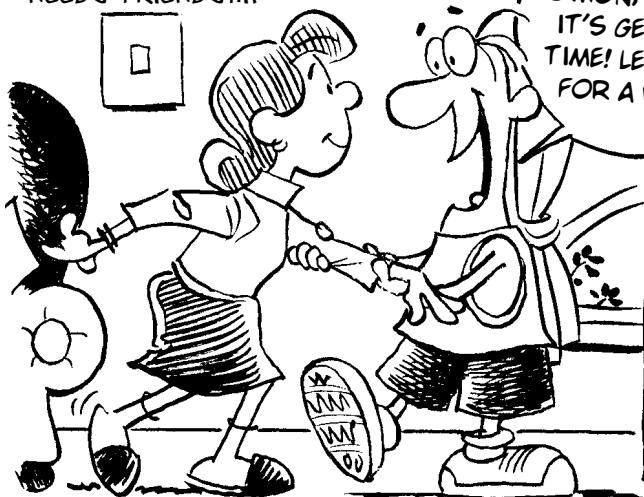
OR A LARGE FAMILY WHO COULD  
USE A HAND WITH THE KIDS

EVERYBODY  
OKAY  
IN!!

OR SOMEONE WHO IS  
OVERWORKED AND  
NEEDS REST



OR A LONELY PERSON WHO  
NEEDS FRIENDSHIP



WE ARE  
BOUNDED BY  
THE LAW—  
THE LAW OF  
LOVE—TO DO  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT.

AS DAD SAID,

"THE GREATEST MANIFESTATION OF OUR LOVE IS NOT THE MERE SHARING OF OUR MATERIAL THINGS AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, BUT THE SHARING OF OURSELVES AND OUR PERSONAL SERVICES FOR OTHERS" (ML #607:12).



WHEN YOU HELP THAT NEEDY CHILD OR PARENT OR OVERWORKED, SICK, LONELY OR NEEDY PERSON, YOU ARE GIVING YOURSELF TO THEM IN LOVE; YOU ARE FULFILLING JESUS' LAW OF LOVE.



IF YOU WERE SICK OR OVERWORKED, IF YOU NEEDED HELP, IF YOU NEEDED SOME FRIENDSHIP, WOULDN'T YOU WANT SOMEONE TO GIVE YOU THE HELP YOU NEEDED?

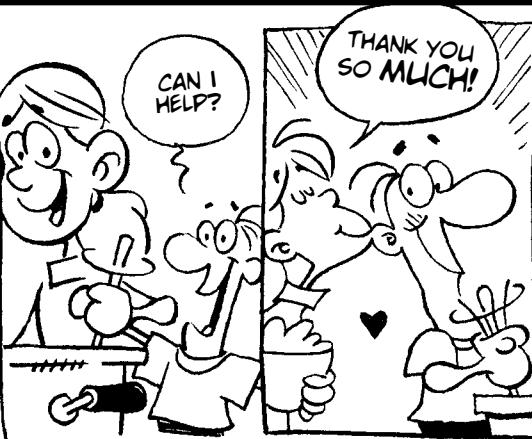


THE ESSENCE OF THE  
LAW OF LOVE, DEAR  
ONES, IS HAVING ENOUGH  
LOVE TO DO TO OTHERS  
WHAT YOU WOULD WANT  
THEM TO DO TO YOU  
(MAT. 7:12).

TO HAVE ENOUGH LOVE TO HELP THOSE  
IN NEED, WHATEVER THE NEED, JUST AS  
YOU WOULD WANT THEM TO HELP YOU  
IN YOUR NEED.



TO PUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS ABOVE YOUR OWN,  
EVEN WHEN IT'S A SACRIFICE FOR YOU TO DO SO. THAT'S LOVE.







LIVING THE LAW OF LOVE MEANS  
CONSISTENTLY, SACRIFICIALLY THINKING  
OF OTHERS AND SERVING THEM.

TALL

That's a **TALL** order!

It's so easy to be lazy, selfish, and self-centered; most of us are that way naturally. Our first reactions are usually about ourselves, what **we** want, what will make **us** happy.

But if we ask the Lord to help us and we put forth a genuine effort, we can develop new habits and reactions, which, with time, will help us to become more loving, caring, sacrificial individuals.