

Why? Part 4

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
John 3:16-17 (NKJV)

The What And The Why!

The what deals with information, knowing what do! The Why deals with motivation, the reason for doing!

- We are expected to love.
- The proof of love is generosity.

Principle: The Father wants all of His children to become just like Him and that is; to be generous with love towards others.

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first. If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.
1 John 4:16-21 (NLT)

- To be generous in love towards others we need to: adopt the correct life stance.
- To be generous in love towards others we need to: get rid of emotional garbage.
- To be generous in love towards others we need to: stay on mission.

- To be generous in love towards others we need to: desire the best for others.

My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.
Philippians 4:1 (MSG)

Desiring The Best For Others Means:

- Take the high road.

If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow.
Matthew 5:41-42 (NLT)

Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.
Philippians 3:15-16 (NLT)

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.
Philippians 4: 8-9 (MSG)

*Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable and right. **Think about** things that are pure and lovely and admirable. **Think about** things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*
Philippians 4: 8b (NLT)

- Watch out for criticism or being a critic.

*Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. **But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy.** Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.*
Philippians 2:14-18 (NLT)

The Reciprocity Principle: over time, people come to share reciprocally, similar attitudes toward each other.

Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. **Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women,** for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life. Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! **Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.**

Philippians 4:2-5 (NLT)

Wisdom has built her house; she has carved its seven columns. She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table. **She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come. She calls out from the heights overlooking the city. “Come in with me,” she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says, “Come, eat my food, and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment.”** Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt. So don’t bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you. Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more. **Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.**

Proverbs 9:1-12 (NLT)