

“ What’s in your Heart ? ”

Luke 12:32-34 Jesus said, *“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Luke 16:13-15 Jesus said, *“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”* The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, *“You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God’s sight.”*

Romans 12:1-2 Paul writes: *“Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

How many times do we feel obligated to buy “worldly treasures” as a token of our love for one another when the sharing of the love of God is what is totally needed ? Tokens will not save you, but the love of God will !

The month of February is focused around the holiday of “Valentine’s Day” and the love that should surround it. What happens the rest of the year ? Why should this time be a reminder that we are to “Love our neighbor as yourselves”? Why do we make a “financial sacrifice” and try to buy love or make up for a past of “missed opportunities” ? God does not care about “worldly treasures” and the only sacrifice He desires is “giving yourself to His will” !

So this year when you reflect on the act of giving to others to show them how much you love them – look for ways to serve God and show the love of Christ all year long, to those you truly care about and cherish.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 Moses writes: *“Hear o Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.”*

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