

A Star is Born Part 2 by Ps Larry Elliott
Loving Yourself, God's Way Part 1

So we have started new series - check last week's intro...

We looked at how the Holy Spirit helps us to KEEP GROWING in Love for God and how to love ourselves in a Biblical healthy way, so that we can LOVE others WELL.

Matthew 22:36-40 NKJV ""Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "This is the first and great commandment." And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.""

NB: Airplane security video, secure yourself first
(Becoming a well balanced individual)

- JESUS is so clear and specific in regards to loving the FATHER – ALL your Heart, Soul and Mind (LOVING God is more about receiving and responding to His Love)
- The way to Love others WELL,
- is to measure it by the way you LOVE YOURSELF.
- Both of these hinge on giving ALL of yourself to God.



You love yourself by not focusing on yourself, BUT focusing on Jesus and who you are because of HIM and THEN Focusing on others.

4 Things we can do to love ourselves better...

1. BECOME A GOOD FRIEND

Proverbs 18:24 NKJV "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."



You want to have friends and you want to build great friendships and a great marriage then BECOME A GOOD FRIEND.



Highlights a GOOD FRIEND: Sticks closer than a Brother
(Caring, Loyal, Honest, Committed)

Let God and others help you;

2 Corinthians 13v11 TPT "Finally beloved friends, be cheerful! Repair whatever is broken among you, as your hearts are being knit together in perfect unity. Live continually in peace, and God, the source of love and peace, will mingle with you."



2 Corinthians 13:11 MSG “And that’s about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure.

2. KNOW WHO YOU ARE

PS: DO you know who you ARE?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NKJV “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

V18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

V19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

V20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

V21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

- Learn to see yourself the way God sees you.
- Recognize you have been made Righteous in your spirit 😊
but not in your Soul (mind, will, emotions)
your soul is being saved daily (HOPEFULLY) 😊
your flesh is still completely unsaved.
- Sin and the fallen world (yourself, satan and people) have distorted our true image and only In Christ is that restored.

👉 WE have to take responsibility for our lives and YOU have to deal with Sin in your life. (When a ship is in trouble out at sea, who does everyone look to, the Captain, doesn't matter who made a mistake or where the storm came from He has to take responsibility, that's how we must think.)

Sin will.....take you further than you want to go.

Sin will.....keep you longer than you want to stay.

Sin will.....cost you more than you want pay.

Romans 5:20 NKJV “Moreover the law entered that the offense **might abound**. But where sin abounded, **grace abounded much more,**”

Romans 5:20 TPT “So then, the law was introduced into God’s plan to bring the reality of human sinfulness out of hiding. **And yet, wherever sin increased, there was more than enough of God’s grace to triumph all the more!**”



ROMANS 5:20 AMP "But the Law came to increase and expand [the awareness of] the trespass [by defining and unmasking sin]. But where sin increased, [God's remarkable, gracious gift of] grace [His unmerited favour] has surpassed it and increased all the more," James 1:22 speaks about the Word as a Mirror.

James 1:22-25 NKJV "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

James 1:21 NKJV "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

James (Jacob) 1:21 TPT "So this is why we abandon everything morally impure and all forms of wicked conduct. Instead, with a sensitive spirit we absorb God's Word, which has been implanted within our nature, for the Word of Life has power to continually deliver us."

- a) Spending time with God is also spending time with yourself (INSIDE - The Heart of Man is the candle of the Lord)
- b) Take time regularly to read your Bible and listen to the Word of God
- c) Have a journal (write it down)
- d) Confess God's Word over your life
- e) Get out there and DO something (be decisive, stop wondering) 2/3's of 'God' is GO

