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Today's Lesson  
**Where There Is Love**

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**He who is filled with love is filled with God himself.**

-Saint Augustine

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Charles R. Fillmore  
Co-founder of Unity

Charles Fillmore defined the activity of love in one's life as:

1. The pure essence of Being that binds together the whole human family;
2. Of all attributes of God, love is the most beautiful;

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3. In Divine Mind, love is the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything in it;
4. Love is the great harmonizing principle known to mankind, for it's inner quality sees only good everywhere and in everybody;
5. Love is the great harmonizer and healer that adjusts all misunderstandings, making your life and affairs healthy, harmonious, and free;
6. "Love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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**"WHERE THERE IS LOVE THERE IS LIFE."**

— MAHATMA GANDHI

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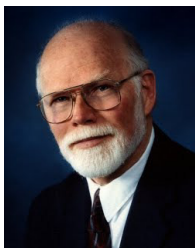
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How true that statement from Gandhi is. All we need do is see what the opposite of love in one's life can do. When fear rules our emotions hate is then allowed to lead the way, and death follows.

Cases in point:

- Recent events...
- Killing of family members in Oildale...
- My own hometown of Niagara Falls...

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In his book **The Formula**, Dr. Vernon Sylvest, M.D. writes :

*After years of treating all kinds of people from all walks of life I have come to realize how much fear plays in the manifestation of disease in the mind and body of the individual. Fear is the emotional experience of stress.*

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*Stress is not caused by the situation in which we find ourselves. It is the interpretation of the situation that induces the emotional experience of fear. The interpretation is based on our perceptions—what we believe about ourselves and the world. Thoughts follow perceptions, and their emotional energy has “creative” power, out-picturing in our world of appearance a reflection of our inner experience. What we perceive, to the extent that it represents our faith or belief system, becomes manifest.*

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*Fear as we understand it results from the perception of threat. Toxic fear however is associated with the perception of loss, failure or potential failure. The feeling associated with perceived failure is toxic guilt. This kind of toxic guilt is usually disguised and projected as anger, which is ultimately turned inward, which starts the whole cycle of stress, fear, guilt and anger that continues to cause many of the diseases that plague humankind in mind and body, stopping them short of reaching their full potential.*

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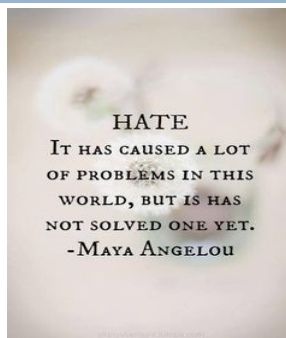


When asked what the greatest of all commandments was he responded, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matt 22:37-40

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

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It has been said that fear produces hate that clouds and distorts our perception of all that is good. It leads to a death of sorts creating lack, hurt, pain, sadness, want, loneliness, and many other problems that plague our lives.



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### A Tale of Where There Is Love

One afternoon a woman came out of her house to find three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. As she approached the men they looked hungry so she said, “You’re new around here and must be hungry. Won’t you come in and have something to eat?”

“Is the man of the house home?” one asked her.

“No,” she said, “He’s still out in the fields working.”

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“Then it would not be right for us to come in at this time.” the gentleman replied.

That evening when her husband came into the kitchen, she told him about the three old men who were still sitting on the front yard. “Well then,” said the husband, “Go invite them to eat with us.”

So, the woman went out to invite the three men in for supper.

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“Thank you for the invitation. But we can’t go in just yet.” replied one old man.

“Why is that?” she asked.

“Well, you see, his name is Wealth, pointing to his friend on the right and his name is Joy, pointing to his friend on his left, and my name is Love. Only one of us can be invited in. So, go back and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home.”

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The woman went in and told her husband what the old man had said.

“Great!” said the husband. “Let’s invite Wealth so he can fill our home with abundance.”

His wife said her preference was to invite Joy, so that the house could always be filled with happiness.

The daughter, listening from the other room, suggested that they invite Love to have dinner with them, this way love would fill the house.

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“Let us heed our daughter’s advice,” said the husband to his wife. “Go out and invite Love to be our guest.”

The woman went out and asked Love to come in and join them for dinner. Love got up and started to follow the woman. As he did the other two also got up and followed Love. Surprised, the lady asked, “Wealth and Joy why they were coming too, when she was told only one could be invited.”

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“Had you invited me or my friend Joy then the other two of us would have stayed out here,” said Wealth. “But since you invited Love, wherever he goes, we automatically follow, for *where there is love* you will always find wealth and joy.”

*Where there is love*, hate and fear have no lingering effects. Inviting love instead of hate into our homes (metaphorically our minds and bodies) is the key to living a life full of abundant blessings.

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We always have choices and it’s up to us...

