

THE 4 L'S

A. LIGHT

2Co 4:3-4 (KJV) ³But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Psa 119:130 (KJV) The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

1. **THE ENTRANCE:** *opening, disclosure:*
2. **IT GIVETH UNDERSTANDING:** inform, instruct, have intelligence,
3. **UNTO THE SIMPLE:** Seducible, silly

Psa 119:130 (AMPC) The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

Psa 119:105 (KJV) NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

1. **LIGHT:** illumination or luminary (in every sense, including lightning, happiness, etc.): - bright, clear, + day, light (-ning), morning, sun.

1Ti 4:1-3 (KJV) ¹Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ²Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; ³Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:1-3 (AMPC) ¹BUT THE [*Holy*] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach, ²Through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized), ³Who forbid people to marry and [*teach them*] to abstain from [*certain kinds of*] foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and have [*an increasingly clear*] knowledge of the truth.

1. **FORBIDDING:** to *estop*, that is, *prevent* (by word or act): - forbid, hinder, keep from, let, not suffer, withstand.
2. **ESTOP':** to impede or bar, by one's own act.

Dan 11:32 (KJV) And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

1. **FLATTERY:** To soothe by praise; to gratify self-love by praise or obsequiousness; to please a person by applause or favorable notice, by respectful attention, or by any thing that exalts him in his own estimation, or confirms his good opinion of himself.
2. **Obsequiousness (Web.):** Ready obedience; prompt compliance with the orders of a superior. Servile submission; mean or excessive complaisance.

Rev 20:10 (KJV) And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 20:10 (AMPC) Then the devil who had led them astray [*deceiving and seducing them*] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages).

2Jn 1:7 (KJV) For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2Jn 1:7 (AMPC) For many imposters (seducers, deceivers, and false leaders) have gone out into the world, men who will not acknowledge (confess, admit) the coming of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) in bodily form. Such a one is the imposter (the seducer, the deceiver, the false leader, the antagonist of Christ) and the antichrist.

Eph 5:8-21 (KJV) ⁸For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light: ⁹(For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ¹⁰Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*. ¹²For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. ¹³But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. ¹⁴Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. ¹⁵See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the

Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

1. **MANIFEST:** to *render apparent*: - appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self).
2. **CIRCUMSPECTLY:** *exactly*: - circumspectly, diligently, perfect (-ly).

B. LUST

Jas 4:1-5 (KJV) From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? ²Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. ⁴Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ⁵Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

1. **LUSTS:** (to *please*); sensual *delight*; *desire*: - lust, pleasure.
2. **LUST:** to set the *heart upon*, that is, *long* for (rightfully or otherwise): - covet, desire, would fain, lust (after).
3. **LUSTS:** (to *please*); sensual *delight*; *desire*: - lust, pleasure.
4. **LUSTETH:** (to *yearn*); to *dote upon*, *intensely crave* possession (lawfully or wrongfully): - (earnestly) desire (greatly), (greatly) long (after).
5. **ENVY:** *ill will* (as *detraction*), that is, *jealousy* (*spite*):
6. **the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?:** That is, the depraved spirit of man, the spirit of an unregenerate man; that as it is prone to every lust, and prompts to every sin, the imagination of the thought of man's heart being evil, and that continually, so it instigates to envy the happiness of others;

1Jn 2:15-17 (KJV) Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1. **LUST:** a *longing* (especially for what is forbidden): - concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

Jas 1:14-16 (KJV) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. ¹⁶Do not err, my beloved brethren.

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Rom 7:4-7 (KJV) Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. ⁵For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. ⁶But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter. ⁷What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

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Rom 7:24-25 (KJV) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

C. LIFE

Joh 3:16-17 (KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 10:10 (KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

1. **THEIF:** a *stealer, a plunderer, robber*
2. **STEAL:** To filch (To steal something of little value; to pilfer; to steal; to pillage; to take wrongfully from another.)
3. **KILL:** to *rush (breathe hard, blow, smoke)*, that is, to *sacrifice* by fire, to *immolate (slaughter for any purpose)*:
4. **DESTROY:** to *destroy* fully (to *perish, or lose*), die, mar, ruin, death, punishment.

5. **MORE ABUNDANTLY:** (in the sense of *beyond*); *superabundant* (in quantity) or *superior* (in quality); *excessive*;

Joh 10:10 (AMPC) The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

Gen 2:7 (KJV) And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Psa 16:11 (KJV) Thou wilt show me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psa 36:9 (KJV) For with thee *is* the fountain of **life**: in thy **light** shall we see **light**.

Psa 91:16 (KJV) With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

1. **SATISFY:** *fill* to satisfaction, have enough, have plenty of

Pro 4:20-23 (KJV) My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²²For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Pro 12:28 (KJV) In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Rom 6:4 (KJV) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:4 (AMPC) We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [*power*] of the Father, so we too might [*habitually*] live and behave in newness of life.

Rom 7:6 (KJV) But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

Rom 7:6 (AMPC) But now we are discharged from the Law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held us captive. So now we serve not under [*obedience to*] the old code of written regulations, but [*under obedience to the promptings*] of the Spirit in newness [*of life*].

D. LOVE

Joh 3:16 (KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 13:34-35 (KJV) ³⁴A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Eph 1:15 (KJV) Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

Gal 5:6 (KJV) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Gal 5:13 (KJV) For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Gal 5:13 (AMPC) For you, brethren, were [*indeed*] called to freedom; only [*do not let your*] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [*for selfishness*], but through love you should serve one another.

1. OCCASION: a *starting* point, an *opportunity*:

Psa 5:11 (KJV) But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Rom 8:28 (KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:28 (AMPC) We are assured and know that [*God being a partner in their labor*] all things work together and are [*fitting into a plan*] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [*His*] design and purpose.

1. ALL THINGS: *any thing, every thing, the whole thing*: all (manner of, means)

2. LOVE: *to love* (in a social or moral sense)

3. REMEMBER: God always has a purpose, a plan, and a provision.

1Co 13:13 (KJV) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

1Co 13:13 (AMPC) And so faith, hope, love abide [*faith--conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope--joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love--true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us*], these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1Jn 4:7-12 (KJV) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ⁹In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. ¹⁰Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. ¹²No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1Jn 4:7-12 (AMPC) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming progressively] to know and understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him]. ⁸He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: in that God sent His Son, the only begotten or unique [Son], into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God loved us so [*very much*], we also ought to love one another. ¹²No man has at any time [*yet*] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us!

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

Paul wrote, (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

1. Charity [God's high-level agape love] suffereth long, and is kind;
2. Charity envieth not;
3. Charity vaunteth not itself,
4. Charity is not puffed up,
5. Charity doth not behave itself unseemly,
6. Charity seeketh not her own,
7. Charity is not easily provoked,
8. Charity thinketh no evil;
9. Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity,
10. Charity rejoiceth in the truth;
11. Charity beareth all things,

12. Charity believeth all things,
13. Charity hopeth all things,
14. Charity endureth all things.
15. Charity never faileth...”

The following is an expanded interpretive translation of First Corinthians 13:4-8:

“Love patiently and passionately bears with others for as long as patience is needed;

Love doesn’t demand others to be like itself; rather, it is so focused on the needs of others that it bends over backwards to become what others need it to be;

Love is not ambitious, self-centered, or so consumed with itself that it never thinks of the needs or desires that others possess;

Love doesn’t go around talking about itself all the time, constantly exaggerating and embellishing the facts to make it look more important in the sight of others;

Love does not behave in a prideful, arrogant, haughty, superior, snooty, snobbish, or clannish manner;

Love is not rude and discourteous — it is not careless or thoughtless, nor does it carry on in a fashion that would be considered insensitive to others;

Love does not manipulate situations or scheme and devise methods that will twist situations to its own advantage;

Love does not deliberately engage in actions or speak words that are so sharp, they cause an ugly or violent response;

Love does not deliberately keep records of wrongs or past mistakes;

Love does not feel overjoyed when it sees an injustice done to someone else but is elated, thrilled, ecstatic, and overjoyed with the truth;

Love protects, shields, guards, covers, conceals, and safeguards people from exposure;

Love strains forward with all its might to believe the very best in every situation;

Love always expects and anticipates the best in others and the best for others;

Love never quits, never surrenders, and never gives up;

Love never disappoints, never fails, and never lets anyone down.”

Mat 22:37-40 (KJV) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Mat 22:37-40 (AMPC) And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect). [[Deu_6:5](#)] ³⁸This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [*you do*] yourself. [[Lev_19:18](#)] ⁴⁰These two commandments sum up *and* upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.

GOD’S LIGHT OF HIS WORD – REVEALS THE LUST THAT IS

IN OUR LIFE THAT HINDERS US FROM WALKING IN GOD’S LOVE!

REMEMBER THE 4 L’S!

LIGHT-LUST-LIFE-LOVE