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DAILY DEVOTION WHY DO WE DO THIS?

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1 John 4:19-21 NKJ

"We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also."

Why do I write Devotion each day? What is my goal? I would probably answer that I believe that God wants me to teach His Word to anyone who will listen. But that is not the ultimate purpose.

The great Apostle Paul helps us sharpen our focus in; 1 Timothy 1:5 NIV

"Now the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith."

It is not enough for us to simply increase our knowledge of the Bible. The practical result of Bible study or Daily Devotion is to produce the love of God in our lives. As we learn what God has done for us, we come to understand His love.

Romans 5:8 NIV "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

John 15:13 NKJ "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends."

1 John 3:16 NLT

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters."

As we learn about God's love we must imitate Him. This requires dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5

"God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:5

today in your love, AMEN.



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Galatians 5:22 "The fruit of the Spirit is love."

God's love in us will produce action;

1John 3:17NIV "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

John 13:34NIV

"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another."

PRAYER: Oh Lord help me to do whatever I do from