

- > Alrighty, glad you have joined us here today, to hear what the Lord has placed on my heart. This message segment is brought to you by **Discovery Crossroads Ministry**; a place **"Where dead-ends, become alive again!"** There is no doubt to me, that God CAN bring back to life, whatever it is, that we think is dead & gone!
- **So, What really is on my mind & heart today?** It happens to be: **the great division that I see happening, among the people of America;** *a division that ought not to be!*
- **Define it!** **Is it a "religious" divide? Some!** **Is it a "political" divide? Some!** **Is it a "people" divide? Yes!**
- It is a **"people"** divide, because we have a **"heart"** problem! Don't blame it on "religion", or "politics", or "certain, labeled, people", **the problem is with all of our "hearts"!**
- Seriously**, If you have created a divide with people, over certain issues, and have labeled them as **"one of THOSE people"** - then **YOU** are the problem - your **"heart is bad"!**
- Love is patient... Love is kind... Love does NOT find faults... Love does NOT keep a record of wrong-doing... Love does NOT seek after its own (**selfish**) gain... Love does NOT dishonor others... (**hear me**), Love does NOT delight in evil,

but rejoices with/in the truth...(*nobody should ever delight in someone getting shot in the head with a gun! I don't care if it is Joe Biden, or Donald Trump! What are we doing?*)

→ *Needless to say, it is such a struggle for me, to see people being happy about something like that! (it's sick – no love)*

-- Love is better than all that hatred! **Real Love NEVER fails us** - **but there is no doubt to me – that it is “US”, that fails Love...** In the midst of: hatred, violence, turmoil, tragedy, confusion, etc. – we always **have “THE OPTION” to practice Love**)...(*we ALWAYS have the option to practice Love*)

-- This country has gone “sub-standard” on everything it does - from: the services it renders - to its customer-service failures - to its ethics & morals violations – it's even gone “**sub-standard**” on its **Love**... The standard of this country, was to **Love**... we used to show love to our: families, friends, neighbors & strangers – *what happened?*

--- **Now**, Don't confuse what I am saying about: **loving** people, versus **agreeing** with them. We don't always agree with each other, but we together are “**human-beings**” - and we should still love each other like human-beings are meant too!

\* **Do you know that it is OK, to have a difference of opinion with others, and still love them? It's OK!**

- You know, as I see it, we have a "**Cold War**" going on in America these days! **No**, it's not between America & Russia - it's a "**Cold War**" **amongst ourselves in America**; between the American people. It's between those you have **warm, loving, hearts**, and those who have **cold, unloving, hearts!**
- **But beautiful people**: **Love** (**real Love**), **COVERS OVER** a **multitude of sins (faults)**... it **COVERS OVER** opinion-differences! Genuine Love literally melts hearts, and makes our differences disappear. But, If we will not love each other, our problems will "**inflame**" into ugliness!
- > **OK**, the message title is: "**Begetful-Character**".
- Let me state up front – the word "**Begetful**", is NOT a real word. The dictionary uses the word "**Beget**", or "**Begets**".
- Let it be OK today, that I use the suffix "**ful**", as it represents something that is "**full of**", or "**able to**". So, when we get a better understanding of what "**begets**" means, you will see **WHY** you would want to be "**full**" of it.
- > **With that**, the word "**beget**" means: "**To bring about**"; "**To bring into existence**"; "**To be the cause of (or, start of)**".
- If this is the meaning of this word "**beget**", then: **What is it to have a "begetful-character"?**

- It is a character that brings something into existence... *it is a character that is **FULL** of something, and therefore, brings that something into **FULL EXISTENCE**, in others!*
- ...Seriously, your character **can/will** beget (*or bring into existence*) the same character in other people. Listen, our thoughts, words & actions, can cause others to be moved, or swayed, to follow, or mimic, ours! Truthfully, **we are all "influencers"**! Look, our attitudes, words & actions, all have an effect on people. If your character is to **love**, then love will be what is spawned, or passed on. If your character is to **hate**, then hatred will be what is spawned! If it is **violence**, then more violence will be spawned! Hatred & violence puts our walls up, and is met with more of the same. But Love brings our walls down, to allow Love to get in and work!
- > Biblically, "**to beget**" (*according to Galatians 6:7-9*), means: we WILL "**reap what we sow**" ....(how: "*What you put forth (put out to others), is what WILL come back to you*". Maybe I could say, "**What you plant, is what will grow**". It doesn't work in any other way! Think about it: *You do not plant corn, and get carrots!* **If you plant Love, Love is what returns to you!**)
- "**Transfer**": Maybe this word is another good term/way, to explain: "**to beget**".

- **Transfer** means: **"to convey from one person, place, or situation, to another"; "to cause to pass from one person to another; as thought, qualities, or power".**  
...(Qualities there means: standards or characteristics — and Power means: actions)
- **So understand this then**: Love is **"transferable"**... But then again, so is **hatred & violence!**...(Love, Hatred & Violence, ARE Transferable from you to others – just like Covid is!). **So, What is growing out of the garden of YOUR: thoughts, words, character & actions? What grows in YOU, that you are sneezing onto others?**
- ...If our life could be seen as a **pitcher**; **then WHAT do you pour out of it, onto other people?** (I'm not talking about pouring out: water, or lemonade, or ice-tea - But pouring out: love, hatred, or violence!)
- **Good Glory**, some people give others the **"permission"**, to take control of their life. They give them permission to: think, speak & act like they do! I know too many people who never drank alcohol or cussed, until they hung around people who drank, cussed & smoked. **Don't we know that "bad company, corrupts good character"?** 1 Cor. 15:33 NLT
- There are a multitude of people today, that will not: think **for themselves**, speak **for themselves**, nor act **for**

**themselves**... Literally, they let others do their: thinking, speaking & acting **for them**... it's a pretty close rendition (*or function*), to what we see in "**co-dependency**"!

...**Influencers** are taking control of other people's lives (*even their wills*), to the point that people are losing control of their own lives! **It's insane!**

> **Now**, my wife & I always say, "***It is NOT a problem, until it IS a problem***".... and that's how we see folks living today, **NOT counting the costs** of their: thoughts, words & deeds... They sling around ugly stuff at people, **without regard for their own accountability**. They don't even have any regard for what their ugly-character/behaviors **might be spawning in someone else!** **BUT**, mark my words – "***there WILL come a Day, when these people – will wish that they had been more concerned!***"..... **I'm telling you NOW**, God will one Day "**VINDICATE**" all the: innocent; mis-treated; mis-guided; abused by the wicked; hurt souls – by "**Judging**" each person's own wickedness!

- **Revelation 20:11-13**, "***11 And I saw a great white throne and The One sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of***

Life. **And the dead were judged according to what they had done**, as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. **And ALL were judged according to their deeds.**" NLT

.....**Romans 2:1-11**, "1 You may think you can condemn such people, **but you are just as bad**, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others **do these very same things**. 2 And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. 3 Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment **when you do the same things?** 4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? 5... For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 He will judge everyone **according to what they have done**. 7 He will give eternal life to those who **keep on doing good**, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. 8 But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who **live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness**. 9 There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who **keeps on doing what is evil** — for the Jew first, and also for the Gentile. 10 But there will be glory and honor and peace from

God for all who do good —for the Jew first, and also for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism."

.....**Let these Truths, touch your soul a minute!**

.....**2 Peter 3:11**, "Since everything will be destroyed in this way (and the Judgement will happen), **what kind of people ought you to be?** You ought to live holy and godly lives!" NIV

- > **Folks:** We have to "**Realize & Rectify**" what we **beget** (or **create**) in & towards others. We need to first **Realize** what we are thinking, saying & doing, to know if there is something that we need to **Rectify**, before God calls us out!
- We should **Realize** first, that "**Real Love**" only comes thru God. (We cannot give away, what we don't have). **Then**, we need to **Rectify** our relationship with God & His Love, so that we can **Rectify** our human relationships! **Again, it's vital** because we WILL BE **responsible**, **before God's very Presence**, for **our character** (**our behavior**).... **Job 34:11**, "He (God) repays a man for what he has done; he brings upon him what his conduct deserves." NIV ("**reap what you sow**").
- > **Look**, a "**heart-shift**", is what we all need.... **a shift** to: having patience with people - having understanding & compassion



about what others are going through - letting go of other people's faults, instead of crucifying them for their errors - stop judging people for saying or doing things, that we do as well - start identifying & feeling other people's burdens & suffering - start allowing people to have different opinions about things, that don't align with ours - start giving love in all circumstances - keep giving love to others, even if they do not reciprocate it back to us - we should start listening more, instead of preparing & issuing our rebuttal, without truly ever hearing their side - start looking for people's positives, instead of just their negatives (*find their shiny spot, not their dull & dingy spot*) - stop looking to capitalize on drama, and start looking to create harmony - don't bet against people, instead bank on them - etc., etc., etc. - **you get the point!**

-- I know **WHY** people often don't seek to "**share**" love... it is because **love takes work**! It's easy to jump on the bandwagon and tag into someone else's lack of love - that's easy to do - **But "Real love" takes energy**, and we have to **intentionally decide** to "**work towards love**".

As the Bible says (**Romans 12:18**), "*If it is possible, **as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.***" NIV...

...and I believe that: it is **ALWAYS POSSIBLE**, to try and live at peace, and into love, with others! **Yes**, you might get your

toes crushed (*your heart crushed*), but gaining “Real love” is worth it! Being vulnerable is scary, but the rewards of vulnerability-loving others, can be Great! *So, put your heart out there!* Know that some people might try to step on it, or even crush it – **Yet**, you will find that there are other people out there, who will greatly embrace your loving act!

> With the realization that: **God WILL “treat & judge” each of us, “the same way” that He saw us treat & judge others** – I ask again: “**What is growing out of the garden of your: thoughts, words, character & actions?**”

-- To help you know what your garden is filled with, ask yourself these questions: **1) What do you think about a lot?**  
**2) What do you mostly speak about?** **3) What is it that you do all the time?** **!** I’m asking YOU, to ask YOURSELF: **What is it that I think, speak & act upon, mostly in my life?** The honest answer, **points to** what you are **producing** in others around you... producing in your: spouses, friends, children, co-workers, neighbors, strangers, etc.

→ Beautiful people, for the sake of Love, and for the sake of our great country – **Love everyone,** **with everything you have... with your mind set on it... with your heart set on it... with all your strength set on it...**

- Karen Carpenter sang, "***We go on hurting each other, making each other cry. Hurting each other, without ever knowing why. Can't we stop hurting each other? Gotta stop hurting each other, making each other cry. Breaking each other's heart, tearing each other apart. Can't we stop hurting each other?***"
  
- What Karen is asking us to do, will take a "**soft, warm, heart**" to accomplish. Pride, Arrogance & Thinking more highly of ourselves, all has to go – **they are barriers to Love!**  
**Humility nourishes Love, making Love strive & thrive!**  
**Why is it so hard for us to even TRY to put ourself off to the side, and allowing Humbleness & Love to flourish? Goodness.....**
  
- \* **It is a must folks**, we need to make these "**heart-fixes**", or we will tear each other apart! We will tear our **families** apart... We will tear our **friendships** apart... We will tear our **businesses** apart... We will tear our **country** apart!
  
- **Look**, if you are/were like me: sick & tired, of being sick & tired, of keeping up the tough-guy/tough-girl act (*image*), God can **change** your heart out, and give you a new, better, one... one that can offer your heart Love & Peace... and one that can offer other people's hearts Love & Peace too! Just be honest with Him about your broken heart, and He will do it!

-- Seeking to have a more loving world, should be the aim of all of us! It is up to each of us to "**search our hearts**", to see where "**WE**" are failing Love. If you search and find that you have a "**sour heart**" towards people, **ASK God** to forgive you and give a new "**sweet heart**".

-- **Seriously**, If you find that: your character is **NOT begetful** (*NOT filled with sweet love, that creates more sweet love*), then **TURN TO The Lord your God** - He can/will **convert** your dark, cold, heart, into one that is light & warm again. He **changes** out our stony hearts, and gives us a new, soft, warm one!

--- Here at **Discovery Crossroads Ministries**, we truly believe in "**God's Regenerating (Renewal) Work**"... a Work "**Where dead-ends, CAN & DO become alive again**".

**So**, the fix/cure, is up to **YOU**... up to **YOU**, to simply **ASK God** for a new, soft & warm heart.

...God is always **Faithful**... so just **ASK Him** for **Love**, and He WILL fill you up with it - *tons for you, and tons to give away!*

> Let us pray.....

> **Remember friends**, we ALWAYS have "**the option**" to practice Love!

## Discovery Questions:

- 1) Do you know that it is OK, to have a difference of opinion with others, and still love them? Tell why it is "OK".
- 2) What is growing out of the garden of YOUR: thoughts, words, character & actions? What grows in YOU, that you are sneezing onto others?
- 3) Revelation 20:12 says, "I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done." So really, do YOU believe this? Tell why you do or don't believe this.
- 4) Romans 2:1-2 says, "1 You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say **they** are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others, do these very same things." Seriously, do YOU believe that you ARE as wicked as the people you point your finger at? Tell why you believe this is true or not.
- 5) Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:11, "Since everything will be destroyed in this way (*and I added: the Judgement of all humankind WILL happen*), what kind of people ought you to be? **You ought to live holy and godly lives!**" So, what is

it to live a "holy & godly" life, before God's all-seeing eye?

- 6) When I said that America (*people*) "need a **heart-shift**"; what does that mean? How would YOU live that heart-shift out?
- 7) I said that "Real Love takes work"; and that it's easy to get on the bandwagon of someone else's hate or violence – What did I mean by "Real Love takes work"? Can you identify why it might be a harder thing to Love, versus hate?
- 8) Romans 12:18 says, "As far as it **depends on YOU**, live at peace with everyone" – So, does it depend on YOU? Are YOU dependent on trying to love everyone? Be honest in your answer!
- 9) I said several times, "**we ALWAYS have "the option" to practice Love!**" – But why did I call it an "option"? Does the "option" involve OUR will?
- 10) Honestly, right now in your life, are you "**begetting**" Love to others – *in other words*: are you "bringing about; bringing into existence; or being the cause of love and it's growth" onto ALL other human beings? Why are you, or why are you not doing so?
- 11) Not a question, but a hope... Please be "doers of God's Word, and not just hearers of it"... Please be known for DOING love!