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Dr. Derick Edley's compassion for God's people enables him to nurture and help believers grow from infancy to maturity, producing life-changing results and impacting the world for Christ! Dr. Edley believes that when the revelation knowledge of Christ enters the heart of the believer, he can be set free (John 8:32), equipping him to be victorious in Christ!

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WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19 NKJV

Agapao is the God kind of love. It expresses the deep and constant “love” and interest of a perfect Being towards entirely unworthy objects. It produces and fosters a reverential “love” in them towards the Giver, a practical “love” towards those who are partakers of the same, and a desire to help others seek the Giver.

How do we show and express love to a Heavenly Father?

A. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDMENTS

John 14:21 NKJV: “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

John 14:23-24 NLT: Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.

B. BY LOVING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

1 John 4:7-11 NIV: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren or mankind in general, is not an impulse from feelings. It does not always run with the natural inclinations or spend itself only upon those who share some affinity. On the contrary, love seeks the welfare of all.

Romans 15:1-3 NLT: We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me."

We know how to love the Father because He showed His love to us.

We abide in it.

We are baptized in it.

We can mirror that love to Him by loving others.

How do we love the Father?

**C. BY SERVING THRU GIVING OUR GIFTS,
TALENTS, AND TREASURES.**

John 3:16: God so loved the world that He (gave) His only begotten Son

Love benefits others; it's charity.

Love expresses itself in action.

“WHEN WE GIVE, WE ARE LIKE OUR FATHER.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NKJV — Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

To Love God our Father, we must live a life of service to others.

We Love God by giving to others.

These are some of the things God has given us to help others: money, time, gifts, and talents.

WHEN WE GIVE, WE ARE LIKE OUR FATHER.

We are children of God.