

∞ Immensity of God's love

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THE MEASURE OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

- What do you think? The success of our life can be measured on how well we have loved.
- Henri Nouwen quote: For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guide lines of the spiritual life—pray always, work for others, read the Scriptures—and to avoid the many temptations to dissipate myself. I have failed many times but always tried. Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not “How am I to find God” but “How am I to let myself be found by Him” The question is not how am I to know God” but “How am I to let myself be known by God” And finally, the question is not “How am I to love God” but “how am I to let myself be loved by God”
- Comprehend the immensity of His love (Eph 3:14-21)
- We love because he first loved us (I John 4:19)
- Prayer exercise: Entering the Holy of Holies

DANGERS OR TEMPTATIONS

- We can ask the wrong questions.
- We try harder to love God.
- We show our love by our works or obedience.
- We are saved by grace, but live by the law.
- Not accept his love or forgiveness

- Not forgive ourselves.
- We “should or ought to”.
- Christianity is in the mind, actions, and words – but not experienced in the heart.
- Our theology.
- False views of how God views us.

REALITY OF GOD AND OURSELVES

- Psalms 139:1-6 – God knows us fully.
- Double Imputation: We deserve judgment. We are sinful. God sees and knows all of this – yet he loves us. Fully known and full accepted and loved. Cherished!
- Have you ever bowed down before the Father, put your head on His chest and allowed Him to forgive you? Have you ever sat in His presence and allowed Him to love you? Sit in His presence in a place of solitude for an extended time and accept His forgiveness . . . and then His love.

Last Thoughts:

- Great book recommendation: [Return of the Prodigal Son](#) by Henri Nouwen. An Easy read that is extremely profound! One of my favorites!
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