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We know that Jesus completely aligned His 'life and will' with the Father's. So we should never have an attitude that would reduce respect for, or teach less than, <u>full obedience</u> to the entirety of the Father's revealed Word – Amen!

John 14:21 NKJV says; "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves <u>Me will be loved by My Father, and I will</u> love him and manifest Myself to him."

This scripture tells us; that we

should *always* have a *steadfast commitment* to: hearing, standing on, following, and obeying the 'Word of God'. In <u>doing this</u>: *we* will <u>know</u> Jesus, *we* will <u>follow</u> Jesus, and *we* will grow in His nature.

**Remember 1 Timothy 1:5 that says;** "The *purpose* of my instruction is that <u>all believers</u> would <u>be</u> <u>filled</u> *with* love which *comes from* a pure heart, *a* good conscience, and *a* sincere faith."

- 1. God blesses those whose hearts are pure. A pure heart is devoted to God and free from guilt and corruption.
- In order to *love* properly, our *conscience* must be *clear*. <u>First</u>, it must be *clean* from unconfessed sin so that guilt doesn't hinder us. <u>Second</u>, our *motives* must be free from pride and personal gain - Then we can love openly.
- 3. *Sincere faith* enables us to *love* genuinely and freely.

<u>God's love</u>, is so different than any love the world can offer. The world's love: forces itself in, takes what it wants, stays until it feels good, and then moves on after it's had enough.

## The love of God, is so different than this.

- <u>God's love</u> is patient, kind, pure, undefiled, unhindered, and 100% sure.
- <u>His love</u> is *not* selfish or self-seeking but is expressed continually without need for performance.
- <u>His love</u> is *not* given to receive anything in return but is simply given for the benefit of the receiver.
- In <u>His love</u> there is *no* fear, anxiety, or confusion. In fact, it is the <u>love of God</u> manifested that *trumps* <u>all fears</u> and puts them on the run.