

Lesson 29

2 John 6a And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands.

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Why are the words *love* and *commandments* in the same sentence? Do these two words belong together? David Congo said love can't be forced. It flows out of fullness, not fear. We must realize that love is not a feeling. Feelings are fickle and change direction like the wind! No, love is an act of the will. It is something we do because of the fullness of God in our heart.

God's commands are not meant to be rules, but guidelines meant to protect us from ourselves and from the evil one. If we walk in these commands, we will have a contented life rising above the ups and downs of life on earth, and we will not find ourselves going through the guardrails on the road of our God-given pathway.

As we love God, continuously and fervently, we will delight in His commandments. Why? Because when you hope in God you should find He is strong, and you are weak. He is rich, and you are poor. He is full, and you are empty. You are the patient, He is the doctor. You are the lost sheep, He is the shepherd.

God takes pleasure in our honesty and the response of our hearts to being in the center of His will.

Let's pray.

As Dwight Moody asked an audience, "What is prayer?", a little boy exclaimed, "It is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies." May we do the same. Amen.