

Chapter 1 : A Layman Looks At The Lord's Prayer (Paperback)

*A Layman Looks at the Love of God: Devotional Study of 1 Corinthians 13 [W. Phillip Keller] on www.nxgvision.com
FREE shipping on qualifying offers. Discusses the Bible's teachings about love, argues that both the Church and society have drifted from these teachings.*

June 28, American society is one of consumerism. We are constantly bombarded with messages telling us about all the things we have just got to have. While the mediums have changed, the concept remains largely the same. And while this most certainly applies to how we acquire consumer goods, it also increasingly seems to apply to our spiritual lives. A new friend of mine introduced me to this poem the other day. It was translated into English by Coleman Barks as such: What is spent is love and two eyes wet with weeping. But these walk into a shop, and their whole lives pass suddenly in that moment, in that shop. Where did you go? Start a huge, foolish project, like Noah. It makes absolutely no difference what people think of you. There are a variety of ways we can read this poem. In fact, if you feel so inclined as to reflect on what this poem means to you, please stop reading this post until you have had a chance to do so. I do not want my thoughts on this to unintentionally influence you. We live our lives seeking purpose; to find that which is greater than what we are as individual specs of dust in a seemingly infinite cosmos. We consider getting involved; doing something; finding our meaning and purpose and trying to gain an understanding of the purpose of life, our Creator, and the other mysteries we ponder. We seek out various options. Even if we have chosen a given faith or cause, we consider the various ways we can be involved, how we can contribute. And yet, when we consider the costs, What will this involve? What will it cost? What will others think? Will it really matter? Our ability to love also lessens. Love is truly one of those marvelous things that only grows larger and larger the more we try to give it away. People are not remembered simply for what they did, but what they did for others. And to hell with the doubters and the trolls. Those are the folks who are scared of your success and will rejoice in your failure. But do it anyway. This is only my personal interpretation of the poem. Frankly, I find that to be one of the most beautiful things about any type of art—including scriptures—that each person who experiences it will have their own unique response to it. Should you have looked up the author of this poem, you will see that he died in the 13th century. I would simply say: We do gradually improve, but the more primitive parts of our brains and bodies are the last to evolve. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearl; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Because once we find that which is a joy—in particular, joy in Christ and the promised kingdom—we will be willing to forgo all we have to pursue it. Of course, that is easier said than done. Take me, for example. Have I walked away from my profession to dedicate myself to this pursuit? No, I have not. I also believe that God is working through me in his own timeframe. I do not believe that today I am the person I need to be in order to be a pastor. I see myself lacking in spiritual discipline and in the strength of my faith. I still feel the calling, and I know that I need the time to grow into what I believe God is calling me to be. This is not because of the first half, but because of the second, which my friend explained so well. However, it clearly states that the kingdom is the merchant. This means we are the pearls. And this is why I love this passage: Just as the first portion says that when we find the kingdom of heaven we will willingly give up everything we have to obtain it, God, when finding us, loves us so that God is willing to give everything that we might be obtained. Even though we fail, God still sees us as valuable—so much that God is willing to sacrifice all God has in order to have us. Go and share that love with others.

A Layman Looks at the Love of God has 14 ratings and 3 reviews. Ed said: A great devotional book on the subject of love. Divide each chapter into two day.

God Is Love God is Love: How do we Define Love? The American Heritage Dictionary defines love as "an intense affection for another person based on familial or personal ties". Often this "intense affection" stems from a sexual attraction for that other person. We love other people, or we say we love other people, when we are attracted to them and when they make us feel good. Notice that a key phrase in the dictionary definition of love is the phrase "based on. How many times have you heard or said, "I love you because you are cute;" or "I love you because you take good care of me;" or "I love you because you are fun to be with"? Our love is not only conditional, it is also mercurial. We love based on feelings and emotions that can change from one moment to the next. They may go through a rough patch in their marriage, and they no longer "feel" love for their spouse, so they call it quits. Evidently, their marriage vow of "till death do us part" means they can part at the death of their love for their spouse rather than at their physical death. Can anyone really comprehend "unconditional" love? How does God Define Love? The Bible tells us that "God is Love" 1 John 4: But how can we even begin to understand that truth? The most well known verse is John 3: However, what God gave or should we say, "who" God gave was not a mere gift-wrapped present; God sacrificed His only Son so that we, who put our faith in His Son, will not spend eternity separated from Him. God wants us to know that His love is unconditional, so He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us while we were still unlovable sinners. His love for us has always existed, and because of that, He did all the giving and sacrificing long before we were even aware that we needed His love. He created us to have a loving relationship with Him, and He sacrificed His own Son who also willingly died for us to restore that relationship. God , the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus , the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried , and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior , declaring, " Jesus is Lord ," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?

Chapter 3 : A Layman Looks at the Love of God: Devotional Study () by W. Phillip Keller

God really tore our hearts at the reality and the state of our own hearts as well as that of the Church in these last days. Phillip Keller has an uncanny style of writing.

Without her patient endurance, this work would not have been possible. She is the love of my life and my very best friend. I also wish to acknowledge Dr. Floyd Jones, a Bible scholar and friend whose works helped to inspire my own. In my opinion he is the best Bible teacher currently walking the planet. Next I wish to thank Dr. Ruckman, dean of the Pensacola Bible Institute in Florida. This tireless defender of the Holy Scripture also helped to inspire much of what you will read in these pages. I would also like to give thanks to God for the wonderful efforts of two dear friends, Joe Johnson and Murray Severance. Without their continual prodding and correction, this book would never have come about. Finally and foremost, I wish to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose blood bought my salvation. The Holy Scriptures have been the source of the transformation and salvation of millions of lives over thousands of years, and yet still many people today wonder. Just where did the Bible come from? The history of the word of God spans almost 4,000 years. It was written down by dozens of believers, most of who lived at different times, sometimes centuries apart from each other. The Bible covers the history of the world from its creation in the distant past, to its final destruction in the distant future. The Bible opens with the beginning of time, as we know it In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: Man, animals, plants, fish all came into existence because God told it to. It can create things out of nothing. It gives life to the lifeless. All that is now in existence, including you and I, are here because of the word of God. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: The world would still be like Genesis 1 and 2, and we may never know just how beautiful that this life could have been. Things did not stay that way however. The reason that we are here in this sinful world today is because man refused to obey the word of God. One of the greatest Biblical scholars of our generation, Dr. Floyd Jones, has described our current situation very well. In the realm of supernatural things there is only one authority recognized by Christian people. All such are fallible and prone to error and prejudice. The Bible makes high claims to Divine inspiration, inerrancy and authority; and if it is true that the Sovereign God of the universe has condescended to reveal Himself supernaturally in His Book, even as He has revealed Himself naturally in the material universe, then man, even in a world ruined by sin, has a firm foundation on which to build for time and eternity. That the Sovereign God of creation has done this in the Holy Scriptures is acknowledged by many earnest Christians, but a question arises which demands a clear answer: Which Bible do you mean? This is the purpose of this work. I hope that it will prove to be as much a blessing to you when you read it as it was for me to compile.

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