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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Cor. 16:14 *Do everything in love.* (NIV)

Now this might seem like a no-brainer, but there is much more to be seen by this declaration. Let's break it down into manageable bites. First of all, we must ***do*** everything in love. We can't just think about it, hoping that it will happen. We are to love others just as the LORD loves us. That means unconditionally and completely. You might be thinking, there are some people that are very difficult to love. Guess what, so are we sometimes, even in the LORD's eyes. Think of all the ignorant, reckless, hurtful, out and out disobedient things that we have done. And yet the LORD's love for us never wavers! It is constant and complete. Yes, this means you are to love that horrible boss, that obnoxious neighbor, that nosey family member and even that co-worker that doesn't work. We are to love, period!

Secondly, we must do ***everything*** in love. We must work in love. We must discipline in love. We must speak the truth in love. We must pray in love. We must serve in love. Get the picture? The word here translated as everything means everything! This can only happen when the love of God flows over us, through us and out of us. We must have the heart of the Father. Let His love flow over you and marinate your heart with His love.

Lastly, we must do everything '***in love.***' This is the outward act of what is happening inside of us. Are we speaking with the motivation of love? Are we caring with His love as the engine? Are we desiring to fulfill God's love in our speech and actions? We must be the picture and the portrayal of the wonderful love of God. Let everyone see Him in you.

The outcome of this will be more powerful than anything else we can do. We must love people to Him. We must show them that He really cares. We must move over so that He can love through us. What would happen if the church of God showed the love of God? I believe it would be supernatural!

Dear LORD, we need to do everything in love. That is not natural for us. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we can love like You do. In Jesus Name, Amen