## **KINGDOM COMMUNITY: Unconditional Love**

As I was reading Ross Campbell's book, "Kids In Danger", the Spirit showed me that some of what he had written about parental love for children is to apply to how love is supposed to flow in a Kingdom Community.

I have rewritten some of Ross' notes to reflect what the Spirit wants us to do.

- 1. Our love is to be unconditional and constant. As we look into the mirror of that love in each other we will see ourselves as we are today and also as we want to be in the future.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. If our love is conditional and inconsistent, we become confused and unable to move confidently toward the completeness we seek for ourselves. The concept of ourselves as a Kingdom community will suffer as we question who we are as a community from day to day.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. To become who we are to become demands that we have a strong sense of identity. This strong sense of identity comes from unconditional love.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The person with a strong sense of identity, nurtured in unconditional love, has the best chance of dealing with the issues of life.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. It is in community that we learn the important things of Kingdom life, not only what we say to each other, but often from what we leave unsaid. Not only from what we do, but from what we leave undone.<sup>5</sup>
- 6. It is in community that we learn how much we mean to each other, to God, and to ourselves. It is important to help each other to know we mean the world to each other, by our actions as well as our words.<sup>6</sup>

This is our chance to relearn how to love, in the safety of our community. Like most everybody, we've made a huge mess of it in our own lives and in our children, so we each need this time to reboot our love system and start from scratch.

Father loves us unconditionally. Our Bridegroom King, our Beloved, loves us unconditionally. As sons, we have to begin the journey to relearn how to love unconditionally so that we operate with humanity like they do. Also, so we properly represent Father to others.

Ross, a Christian counsellor, identifies a number of important components of how unconditional love is <u>conveyed</u> to others:

- Eve Contact
- Physical touch
- Active listening
- Focussed attention

Along with these, the following points are essential parts of growth and development in the Kingdom:

- Training
- Discipline

<sup>1 –</sup> Ross Campbell MD (1995) "Kids in Danger: Training your Child to Tame the Destructive Power of Anger", Victor Books: Wheaton, IL. p:47

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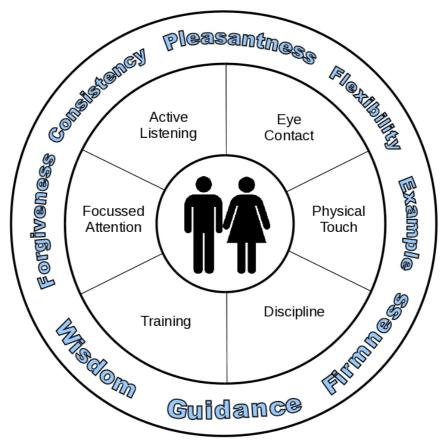
<sup>3 -</sup> Ross Campbell MD (1995) "Kids in Danger: Training your Child to Tame the Destructive Power of Anger", Victor Books: Wheaton, IL. p:57

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Here is how unconditional love is <u>expressed</u> to others:

- Pleasantness
- Flexibility
- Example
- Firmness
- Guidance
- Wisdom
- Forgiveness
- Consistency

Ross puts this all together diagrammatically.



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