

## Master's Arts—10

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### Love and Charity—Forgiveness—Unity, fellowship, brotherhood

(Jesus speaking: ) I can't dwell in you fully when your life is filled with bad feelings and lack of forgiveness for others. That leaves Me little room. Because these things have a way of magnifying themselves bigger and bigger and squeezing anything and everything else out—all the good things. So toss out the unkind thoughts and unforgiving ways, and embrace Me. I'm soft and cosy; I'm also strong and supportive. I'm just everything you need to live a happy life in your heart and mind.

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(Jesus speaking: ) How many hugs did you give out today? Or even verbal embraces that make people feel welcome and loved? Chase away the chill in the air that the enemy is always trying to bring; the chill of indifference and lack of love; the chill of lack of acceptance; the chill of criticism. When a harsh word is spoken—either by you or someone else—go quickly to the rescue! Send out a warm wave of loving words that brings the heat of God to warm the air. It's the opposite of fire on this world, where cold water is splashed to save others. In the spirit when cold is freezing things up, send a breeze of warmth and cheer to keep things flowing happily along. When things freeze up, not much can be done; growth is staid. But with the warm breath of God's love, all can keep growing and thriving, and flowing along.

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(Jesus speaking: ) A chain with links all hooked together in a strong line can remind you of a line of people all holding hands, linked together. One time a family was in a difficult situation. A flood was sweeping through their area. As the waters were rising, they had to quickly leave the house. The water was starting to rush along the ground, and it was hard to walk through it without getting knocked down and washed away. Everyone had to hold on tightly to each other's hands. Together they were stronger, and they made it to a higher place of safety. All that is except one person. The only person who couldn't walk safely was the one who wouldn't hold the others' hands, because they wanted to hold on to something they thought was valuable, some piece of paper that would help them get money later on. Well, it's a sad thing, but they never did need that money after all. They chose money rather than the strength of togetherness, and they were washed away in the flood. A household divided, falls. Those who choose the wealth of this world will get washed away in the flood of troubles that will keep coming. You need the Love of God and the love that He places in each of your hearts to hold tightly on to one another. You have to realise that love and lending a hand to help each other is worth far more than anything that money can buy. Love is what saves lives; while money can cost you yours, if it's all you are holding on to.

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(Jesus speaking: ) There once was a baker who had plenty of dough, and wasn't sure he was doing the right thing just making bread all his working life. That is until the "still small voice" was heard in his head and heart. "Make bread for the children" God's voice called to him. He got up in the night, like he did each night, and more happily than ever before, he made loaf after loaf of bread. He made it as perfect as he could. He had a reason to do it, something that gave him joy. Now, these children were not just any children. These were children who had no food to eat the next day, and who were praying and trusting in God's provision. God looked around to see who was available to get this need supplied and this prayer answered. These children had no mothers and fathers to provide for them, just some willing adults who were praying along side with them for their needs to be met. When the baker brought the fresh loaves the next morning to the hungry orphans, he was delighted, and so were the children. It feels wonderful to be called by God to do something needed, something really appreciated by others. That is love. That is God's love in action. But sometimes to be ready for those special times of giving, you have to be willing to do something day after day, patiently, without getting any special reward or joy in it. When God sees you are faithful at your task, and that you also are asking Him to use you in whatever way He wants to use you, and you take time to listen, then He can ask you to do some special deeds of love and kindness. Then after hearing God speak to you, you take action, that is when joy is given. Because deeds of love bring joy to so many, when they are God's deeds that He has ordained, and you have followed His instructions exactly as He said to, and at the time He told you to do it. You didn't delay or miss the timing or the way you were meant to follow through on His request. Listen to Him today, and He'll tell you what loving deed you can do. Even if it costs you a bit of sleep, or money, or time way from other work, just do it, and you'll be so glad you did.

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(Jesus speaking: ) How much can you hold in your hand? Not very much. But that's all I give you to give away and share with others at a time. I could give you a very big load of goodness to give and keep on giving, but I know that just looking at the load will make you feel weary. So all I ask of you is to give a bit at a time, and I place into your hand just what I want you to give and share. It's hard sometimes to give things away, or to say a kind word that might make you feel humbled to do it. Or perhaps I prompt you to give up something that you like, both because it's good for you to part with it, and it's what another person really needs. But I'll only ask you to do a little bit at a time, just as much as you can hold, or manage. Now, when you get to be a grown up and your heart is stronger, you might be able to lift heavier loads and give away more to others, as your love and faith muscles will be stronger. But for now, I'll only ask you to lift up and give away just as much as your hands and heart can do. And then comes the part when you see that I give back to you again much more than you have ever given away. Your store of supplies and good experiences just keeps being added to. You are glad then that you chose to give and share the bit that I placed in your hands.