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- **Jesus teaches in the synagogues**

- And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. (Mark 1:21)

- **Jesus teaches by the lakeshore**

- He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. (Mark 2:13)

- **Jesus teaches on the hillside (“The Sermon on the Mount”)**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. . . (Matthew 5:1-3)

- **Jesus teaches in the temple in Jerusalem**

- <sup>23</sup> And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, (Matthew 21:23)

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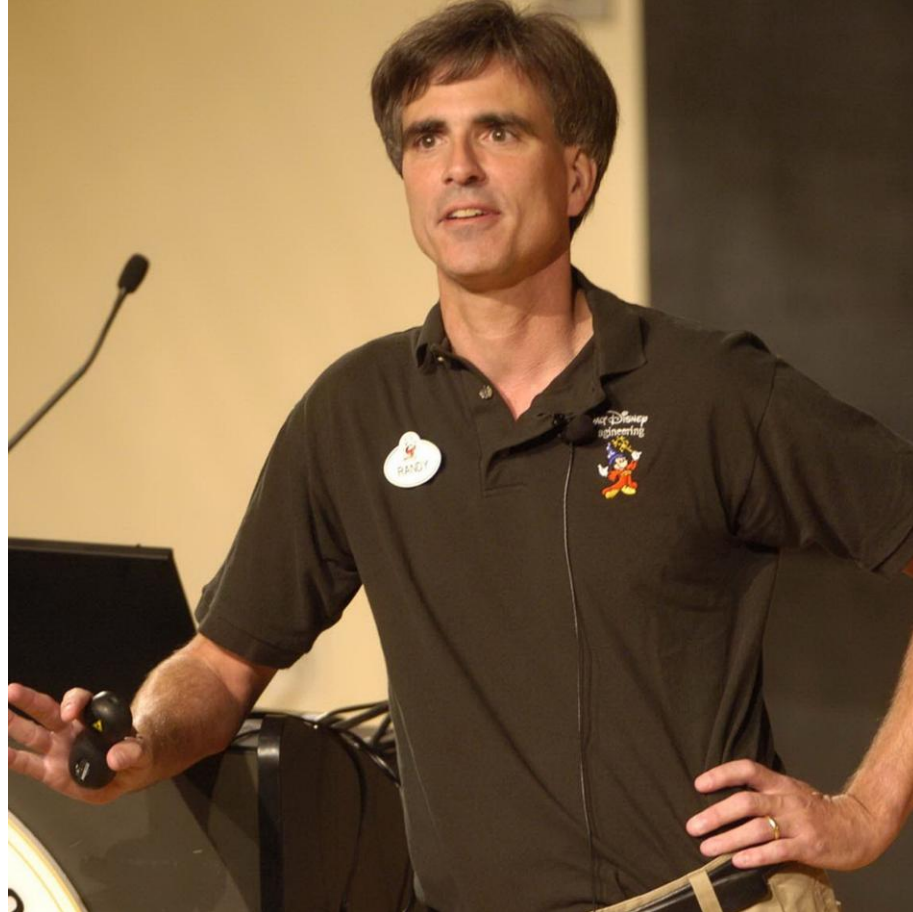
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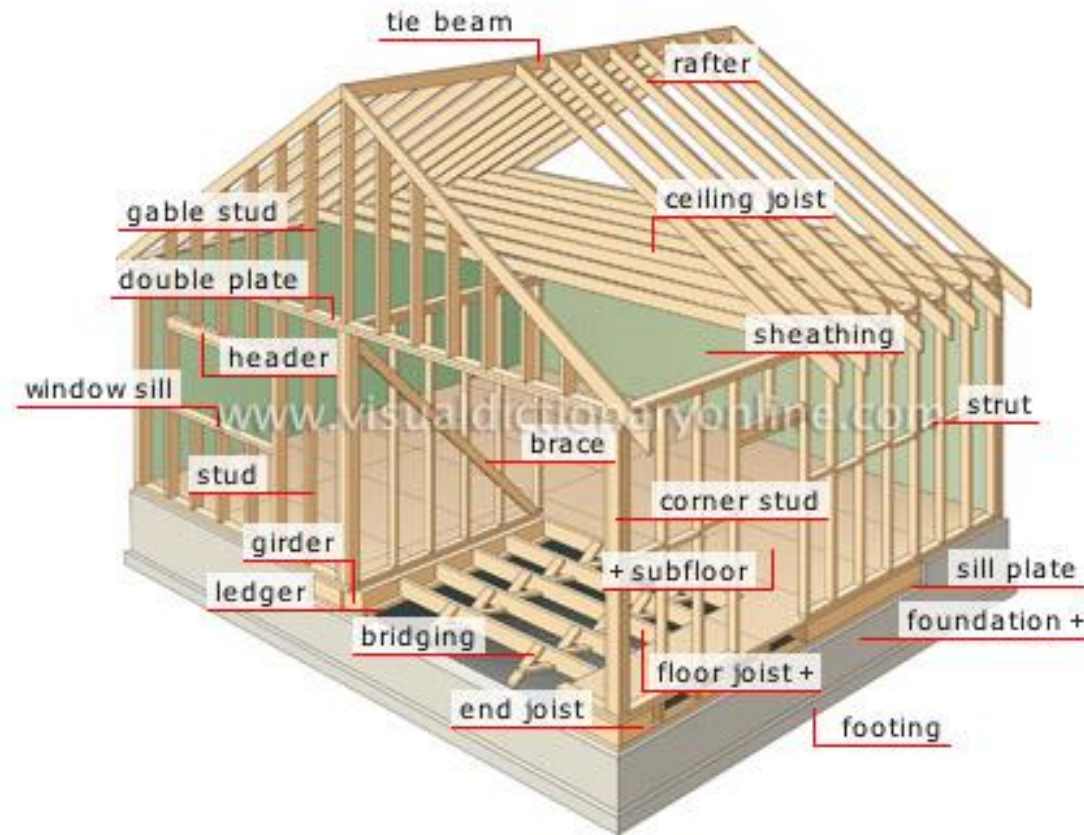
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- **Spiritual laws are compressed yet fulfilled:**
- “For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Romans 13:9)

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- **The Shema:**
- <sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)
- **Old Testament Prophecy:**
- And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36:26)

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- **Love those within your “group”:**
  - You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. (Leviticus 19:17-18)
- **Love those outside your “group”:**
  - You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. (Leviticus 19:34)

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# Connecting Loving God and Loving Others

- **Paradox:** the more we devote ourselves to God, the more we have to give to others

<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- <sup>20</sup> **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory (Ephesians 3:16-21)**

# **V. Love in Action**

## **A. Messiah's Active Love for Us**

- “I am the LORD who makes you holy. It was I who rescued you from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 22:32-33)
- “For God so loved the world that He gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).
- “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

# V. Love in Action

## B. Showing Thankfulness Through Our “Offerings” Back to God

- “The act of offering ourselves to God is a profound expression of faith and devotion, rooted in the recognition of God's mercy and grace. It is a call to live a life that is wholly dedicated to Him, reflecting His love and holiness in every aspect.” (*Bible Hub*)
- “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

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- **Offering ourselves to God involves several practical aspects** (*Bible Hub*):
  1. **Holiness and Purity** · As living sacrifices, believers are called to live holy and pure lives, set apart for God's purposes. This involves moral and ethical conduct that reflects God's character.
  2. **Service and Ministry** · Offering oneself to God includes serving others and participating in the ministry of the church. This service is an expression of love and obedience to God's commands.
  3. **Stewardship** · Believers are called to be good stewards of their time, talents, and resources, using them for God's glory and the advancement of His kingdom.
  4. **Worship and Devotion** · A life offered to God is marked by regular worship, prayer, and devotion. These practices nurture the believer's relationship with God and align their will with His.

# **V. Love in Action**

## **C. Sharing God's Love for Us by Serving Others**

- Baby Item Drive
- Free-throw Fundraiser: Fond du Lac Food Pantry and The Damascus Project
- World Relief
- “Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, . . . And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:12, 17)



**Let Us Pray**

