

Doctrinal Studies:
PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL LOVE
Revelation 2:6

The ability to separate a person from the problem of his deeds indicates that the believer is residing inside the Divine Dynasphere (DD). The believer in the DD has objectivity.

The believer in the DD has Personal Love.

1. Personal love for the Lord Jesus Christ makes impersonal love for others possible.
2. Impersonal love is a virtue (moral excellence, goodness, prudence) when directed toward people.
3. Personal Love is never a virtue, but a reality – we personally love certain individuals.
4. When personal love is directed toward people it is always directed toward a few (Category II, family or Category III, friends).
5. Personal love toward people can be a great thing, when there is virtue toward God.
6. But personal love toward people has weakness and problems. The only way to have objectivity is to have impersonal love toward people.
7. Personal love toward friends and loved ones should be significant and meaningful – YOU ARE NOT A VERY LOVELY PERSON, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING IMPERSONAL LOVE!
8. Impersonal love is *unconditional*.

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9. Personal love is *always* conditional. Remember: "I Love You"? Subject, verb, object!
10. Impersonal love always emphasizes the SUBJECT! Honor of the subject, integrity of the subject, objectivity of the subject.
11. Impersonal love makes it possible to get along with all kinds of people – obnoxious or gracious.
12. Personal love always depends upon the relationship of the subject to the object – the attractiveness of the object!
13. Personal love has the highest form of emotion – Impersonal love has a limited form of emotion.
 - NOTE: The Nicolaitans were tolerated – but their *deeds* were despised.
14. Impersonal love is related to the believer's ambassadorship for Christ, whereas personal love is related to the believer's personal norms and standards – or lack of them.
15. The issue in this verse in dealing with the problem of the Nicolaitans is impersonal love and there can be no impersonal love without Truth – without God's Word.
16. Impersonal love is only a virtue when directed toward all mankind – impersonal love is manufactured inside the DD from the perception of God's Word.
17. Impersonal love is motivated by personal love for God.

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18. Impersonal love is not sustained by the object of love, but by Truth in the soul. Therefore, impersonal love does not depend upon rapport with the object, nor being attracted to the object.
19. Impersonal love, then, is a relaxed mental attitude and resists all temptation related to arrogance, jealousy, bitterness, self-pity, hate, revenge or guilt subordination.
20. Personal love is optional in life - Impersonal love is a mandate in the Christian way of life.
21. The object of impersonal love can be enemy or friend - someone who is worthy or someone who is unworthy. Someone virtuous or someone evil.
 - Therefore impersonal love functions consistently, and functions *without compromise*.
22. You never compromise God's Word through the function of impersonal love, because impersonal love relates to people, not what they do, not their deeds, but the fact that they are human beings.
23. Impersonal love is not influenced by attitude of others but by the Truth residing in the soul.
24. Impersonal love is influenced only by your *integrity*, not by what people do to you.