

# DO I HAVE TO LOVE EVERYONE?

*“The Problem With Family” – Part 2 of 3*

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*“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.”*

**1 John 4:7 (NIV)**

**TOXIC IS: WHEN TWO PEOPLE ARE STUCK IN A WAY OF RELATING  
THAT’S \_\_\_\_\_ THEM BOTH**

The facts are:

- We ALL have toxic family members.
- All toxic relationships are not equal.
- When it’s toxic, you must act.

## **PRAY THESE FOUR PRAYERS:**

**1. FATHER, STRENGTHEN ME TO ACCEPT MY \_\_\_\_\_**

*“We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us.”* **2 Corinthians 4:7 (CEV)**

*“And then He told me, My grace is enough; it’s all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ’s strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.”* **2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (MSG)**

**2. FATHER, ENABLE ME TO \_\_\_\_\_ MY FAMILY**

*“Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”* Jesus said to him, *‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’* **Matthew 18:21-22 (NASB Classic)**

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”* **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

*“If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if it’s personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, ‘I’m sorry, I won’t do it again,’ forgive him.”* **Luke 17:3-4 (MSG)**

### 3. FATHER, EMPOWER ME TO CHANGE MY \_\_\_\_\_

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”* **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

#### **PROBLEM!**

*“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”*  
**Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)**

#### **RESOURCES FOR CHANGE:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

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### 4. FATHER, FREE ME TO ACCEPT YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

*“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.”*

**1 John 4:16a, 18-19 (NIV)**

*“God has shown us his love by sending his only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.”* **1 John 4:9 (GW)**

*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* **Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)**