

- **Propulsion** - the action of driving or pushing forward.

With propulsion, a force is exerted on an object that creates movement. The laws of physics are applied. Examples: bullet, spear, jet, rocket, or a person.

For instance, a person can be propelled into action...forced or pushed into a position where they have no other choice but to act, respond, make a decision, or move ahead. We are often pushed back and forth by the forces of life, totally reacting to our environment.

- **Compulsion** - an irresistible urge to behave in a certain way.

Compulsion comes from inside us and we are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

*"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"*

I Corinthians 6:19 NKJV

For the love of Christ compels us...Love should be our primary motivator:

*"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."*

II Corinthians 5:14-15 NKJV

1. Death to self - no longer living a self-centered, but a Christ-centered life. The Apostle Paul said:

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NKJV*

2. Love God, love people.

*"Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39 NLT*

*"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." Colossians 3:13-14 NLT*

We were created for relationship with God, to choose to love and be loved.

3. Know that we are loved, regardless of our immediate circumstances. The Lord is compassionate toward those that endure hardship and are suffering.

*"Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful."*

James 5:11 NKJV

*"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV*

4. We must love the lost the way Jesus does. He hung around with sinners to bring light into dark places without letting the darkness influence Him. Jesus was moved with compassion when He:
  - a. Saw the multitudes
  - b. Looked over Jerusalem
  - c. Healed the sick

*"Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.*

*Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.*

*I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away.*

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God."*

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- **Reckless** - without thinking or caring about the consequences of an action.

When we love the way He loves, we're not to be concerned about indifference, rejection, or not receiving love in return. We are vessels for the fruits of Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) to flow through us; the greatest of those fruits is love.

*"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE."*

I Corinthians 13:13 NKJV

You might say "I have a tough time walking out the love that is described in I Corinthians 13." {Love is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way, is not irritable, and keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not rejoice in injustice but rejoices when truth wins. Love never gives up or loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.} We can't, but Holy Spirit in us can. Give Him permission, come into agreement with Him.

*"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."*

Philippians 2:13 NLT