

Refrigerator Notes 07 September 2014

Break the Flask

Text Romans 13:8-14

1. The scripture was very clear about several things that we as Christians are not paying attention
2. The scripture points out that we, Christians, are morning people and that we need to rouse our minds from our slumber and be alert to what God is doing in the world
3. Second, we need to live in accordance with the Lord's greatest commandments – specifically, to love our neighbors as ourselves
4. Third, we owe a debt to the Lord that can never be repaid, not one of gratitude, but for what the Lord constantly provides each of us (provisions and life itself) without us asking
5. But as Christian, we believe that God should give us more because we are Christians – NOT!
6. What we receive is God's grace each day, which should be sufficient enough
7. But as always, even when we are not listening or being obedient, God sometimes still provides a ram in the bush
8. Why, because of God's love for us (John 3:16-18) The scripture was further amplified in John 7:37-38
9. The fourth thing we Christians should remember is that the debt we owe is for the eternal life which our Lord offers us – free of charge, we just need to accept it
10. We should not base our success on what the world, but what Jesus has given us that we in turn must pour back into others - LOVE
11. A clear example of what unselfish love does is that it never hurts or betrays anyone, but more than that, does not cause one to sin
12. The scripture clearly tells us that whoever loves others has fulfilled the Law (the Commandments) Matthew 22:36-40
13. We are called to love others so that we may fulfilled the debt of the sacrifice our Lord made on the cross, so that we could have salvation and eternal life
14. Love is the stuff that can erase our sins committed against others
15. The last thing that the scripture tell us that not only is there a debt we owe, but a requirement to fulfill that debt - to pour into others what Christ has poured into us
16. In our end, what will matter most is not what we *give to get*, but what we *get to give* that will be everlasting – the love of God