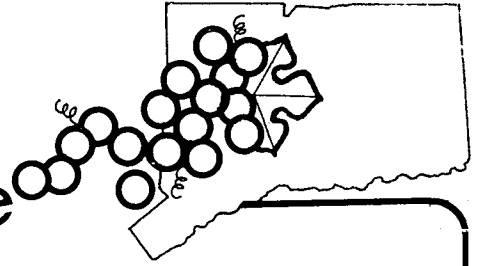




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Dear Loved Ones:

God bless you all in the strength and love in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's call to unity depends upon the believers in the household being especially good one to another (Galatians 6:10). As believers with the power of God and the power of His Word, we have the ability to build one another up in strength and love. I would like to declare February as edification month. I believe we can all make the commitment to share more of God's Word with one another, and more of God's love with our brothers and sisters. This will result in each and every believer being built up and strengthened with God's power and love. Our loving prayers one for another will also provide much power to the household and to our reaching out with God's Word.

I am definitely aware that the month of February is upon us. As I move among the communities in Connecticut, I have been seeing little cupids and red hearts appearing on windows and doors of many of the shops and stores. I can't understand how a little arrow hitting someone's heart could emotionally change his life. Real love depends upon commitment, discipline and willingness to make decisions to give to another. It does not depend on feelings. As we act according to God's Word with one another, then we will be blessed by our feelings which follow.

Why is it that at this time of the year many people decide to do something "special" for someone they love? It is because they are reminded to. I believe that we can continually remind ourselves to love and edify one another with God's Word and love, so that together we can move ahead with more believing and heart.

Acts 20:32:

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

The Word of God not only builds up the believer, but it builds up those who have not yet heard or heard enough to believe. It is the Word of Life. We need to go forth and edify the people of our communities to the end that they see God's love and goodness and come back to Him. Let's have this month be one of great edification for the household, the family and the people in your community.

In His love and grace,

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