



THE COST
AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE

Introduction:

**The most miserable people
I have known are the
people who have clung
to things they no longer
need or want!**

Text: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

**THE COST
AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE**

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

**For if you possess these qualities
in increasing measure, they will
keep you from being ineffective
and unproductive in your
knowledge of our Lord Jesus
Christ.**

**THE COST
AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE**

**But whoever does not have them is
nearsighted and blind, forgetting
that they have been cleansed from
their past sins.**

**Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
make every effort to confirm your
calling and election.**

For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1-11

THE COST
AND BENEFITS

OF TRUE LOVE

The goal of my personal spiritual walk is to experience and express **PERFECT LOVE.**

THE COST
AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE

My spiritual journey has largely reflected the steps outlined by the Apostle Peter.

1. I embraced **SALVATION** through **FAITH** in Jesus.

2. My **ACTIONS** changed--I made a conscious effort to do the **RIGHT** things rather than "what worked."

My spiritual journey has largely reflected the steps outlined by the Apostle Peter.

3. My **SPEECH** changed--I did my best to rid it of **PROFANITY** and **UNCLEANNESS.**

My spiritual journey has largely reflected the steps outlined by the Apostle Peter.

4. My **ATTITUDES** changed-
-I slowly became a more
POSITIVE, less
JUDGMENTAL, KINDER,
and **GENTLER** man.

My spiritual journey has largely reflected the steps outlined by the Apostle Peter.

5. My **VALUES** changed--
WINNING and
SUCCESS still mattered, but
PEOPLE began to matter
more.

My spiritual journey has largely reflected the steps outlined by the Apostle Peter.

6. My **RELATIONSHIPS** changed--I began to care more about **GIVING** and less about **RECEIVING.**

My spiritual journey has largely reflected the steps outlined by the Apostle Peter.

7. My **SPIRIT** changed--I found myself truly **LOVING** and truly being **LOVED.**

I don't yet experience and express
PERFECT LOVE , but that
is now my life's ambition!

To grow in love, I've had to pay
certain **PRICES** and make
certain **TRADES**.

I found I had to give up:

1. My **BITTER ANGER** to gain **PEACE**.
2. My **HURTS** to gain **JOY**.
3. My drive to **CONQUER** to gain **COMPANIONSHIP**.

I found I had to give up:

4. My insistence on
PERFECTION to gain
PARTNERSHIP.

5. My **IMPATIENCE** to gain
PERSEVERANCE.

AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE

I found I had to give up:

6. My

EMOTIONAL FREEDOM

to gain **RESPECT** and

INFLUENCE.

AND BENEFITS

OF TRUE LOVE

Conclusion:

**True love is worth ANY price!
What will YOU give to gain it?**

THE COST
AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE



THE COST
AND BENEFITS
OF TRUE LOVE