

Introduction:

The reputation of God is infinitely important to Him, and is strongly affected by our own decisions.

Text: Malachi 2:5

"My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name.

Text: Malachi 4:2

"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.

And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves."

Text: Matthew 6:9

"This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name."

Text: Mark 9:41

"Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward."

Acts of love and kindness can **TRANSFORM** the way in which God's church is viewed.



Love INC is a compassion-based ministry that seeks to minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of an entire community in the name of Jesus.

Love INC is a:

1. Broad-based,

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

ministry.

Love INC is a:

2. Non-profit ministry which operates through the charitable giving of **INDIVIDUALS**, **CHURCHES**, and **FOUNDATIONS**.

Love INC is a:

3. Means of MOBILIZING the total resources of a COMMUNITY or REGION.

One way to understand the work of Love, INC is through a simple acrostic:

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R = RESOURCES
O = ORGANIZATION
S = SCREENING
E = EMPOWERMENT
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Enabling toxic behaviors is a danger for compassion-based ministries that deters many Christians who would otherwise be generous toward others. With Love, Inc, you can be assured that careful and wise SCREENING of clients will take place ...

Let's consider a hypothetical situation. The Smith family is in a condition of **LIFE CRISIS**.

The needs of the Smith family are **OVERWHELMING**.

Love in the Name of Christ can help meet a great range and magnitude of needs.

1. Explore and form partnerships with multiple area churches.

2. Identify representatives from these churches to form an executive committee.

- 3. Formally establish a non-profit corporation, perhaps Eastern Shores Love INC.
- 4. Create a database of people in the participating local churches who are willing and able to take an active role.

5. Raise startup funds through local church and foundation contributions.

6. Identify an affordable, temporary home for the ministry in a visible and accessible location.

7. Announce and promote an open house and grand opening for the local Love INC.

