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Love is the Heavenly Multiplier

What binds the earth together? A student might answer 'gravity'. That is so in the physical sense, but what of the spiritual realm?

Each of us is so much more than a physical being, as is everything else in the world. We are all creatures of The Creator, the small and the mighty. How are we and everything around us connected?

The Thrice Holy God created us and the world out of His Love. It is love that draws us to one another, that spurs us on to greater things, to care for, nurture and forgive one another. It is the energy of LOVE that connects us.

We all are bearers of His Love, and it emanates from us: when we think well of someone, that energy is perceived and lifts them up. The reverse is also true; when we are angry or displeased with someone, that becomes a burden to their spirit, imperceptible and undefinable as to its origin. But It becomes a weight that drags them down, nevertheless.

When we allow ill-feelings, anger, hatred, or any negativity into our hearts, love is driven out. Instead of allowing these to fester in our hearts, we must work to accept them as opportunities to eradicate any sense of self pride. Everyone must bear their cross, however undeserved the burden may be. Who is above our Master, Jesus Christ, who was persecuted to His death? He who told us, "A servant is not greater than his master." (John 15:20).

Are we conscious of this great power, love, this energy that is an integral part our being, or do we behave as a whirlwind, not considering the effect we have on others and the world? If we are quiet and attentive, the force of love can be perceived in our prayers, and we can

begin to understand how its energy in our thoughts and actions impacts others.

Love sends out a beam of light and warmth into the world around us that does not dissipate. Not only does it not weaken, but it gains momentum as it travels, bringing peace and joy to all who come into contact with it, disbursing it through them as well. In every instance, love is the heavenly multiplier, gaining strength as it goes, bringing more and more love into the world.

Love is from our Heavenly Father, and it grows by His power. It is not limited by our human understanding, but grows exponentially because it is Godly. Not only this, but contrary to everything else of this world, the more love we give, the more we receive, through no merit of our own. Things of this world dissipate and dissolve as they leave us, money, fame, power - whatever is of this world escapes like water through our fingers. Not so with love, because its source is Divine.

This is why prayer is so powerful - it connects us to The Source of Divine Love. Within the structure of His Love, our own love is magnified, giving us greater and greater capacity to care for one another, and all that occupies the earth around us.

For this reason satan and his evil spirits attack us unremittently, trying desperately to keep us from prayer, to distance us from the Almighty. Because he knows that if he can tear us from the source of love, he can overtake us, and claim us as his own.

Love is the most powerful gift the Lord gave us. Nurture it and share it, so that one day, when another looks at us, all they will see is the light of His Love.

ZOE Women's Center® News

This summer the ZOE Women's Center® will be acquiring a new electronic medical records system. Additionally, representatives from the ZOE Women's Center® toured the Eva Women's Clinic in Canton, Ohio. From our visit to the Eva Women's Clinic, we envisioned a long term aspirational goal for the ZOE Women's Center®.



We would like to thank our gracious hosts at the Eva Women's Clinic for their inspiration for our potential future growth and for their prayers for our long term success.

ZOE House® News

The COVID pandemic affected all parts of our lives, and ZOE House® was included. At the outset of the pandemic, with everything shut down, we had to close. But we knew moms were still in need of baby supplies for their children, maybe more than ever.

Our amazing volunteers agreed to help the moms by gathering all the items they requested and meeting them at the door of ZOE House®. This worked well but what each of us really missed was the interaction with the mothers, getting to know them and seeing if there were other ways in which we could assist them.

What a joy it is now! Our doors are back open and the moms can pick out the items they need, while following COVID guidelines. We are a family again.

God has blessed us throughout the pandemic, as have all of you. We thank Him that we can again fully serve these wonderful moms and their precious children.



ZOE for Life!® Southern Tier Chapter Update

Health-related precautions and restrictions slowed us down, but didn't stop our Chapter's progress! Over the past year we met virtually several times, and made significant administrative accomplishments. We received approval for 501(c)(3) status, registered as a non-profit in New York state and with the NYS Charities Bureau, finalized our bylaws, approved some necessary policies, and elected a Board of Directors. Our members were grateful to be able to attend virtual life-affirming prayer services and lectures throughout the year. We were also blessed with another generous donation.

Next steps will be to develop a website that will refer users to local resources, obtain a phone number, recruit volunteers, explore options for a brick-and-mortar location, and begin to build up a collection of necessities that could be helpful to expecting and new parents.

Even though we're only inching along at this point, we're taking care to get everything in order so that we'll be able to meet with clients in the future. Only God knows how long the coronavirus will continue to impede our progress, but in the meantime, we're thankful for the advances that we've been able to make through email and Zoom. We look forward to hosting a baby shower or two when people feel that it's safe enough to meet in large groups.

To offer support, kindly send your donation to us at: ZOE for Life!® Southern Tier, 54 Baxter Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. Contact us to join this life affirming ministry! Reach out to Matushka Marge Kappanadze at mkappanadze@gmail.com or (607) 259-2646.

Please remember our efforts in your prayers.

Please consider making arrangements to remember ZOE for Life!® in your will, estate plan or as a beneficiary.

Angels are All Around Us!

Almost from our inception, caring, creative and dedicated women have offered us their time and energy, knitting and crocheting sweet blankets, hats and mittens for our new moms to warm their children with. These are truly gifts that travel from heart to heart. Many of our mothers are moved to tears, that someone would invest so much time and effort to provide for a little one they don't even know.

'You mean someone made this just for me?' is often their response.



It is sad to admit that many of our clients lack any family support, even though they are struggling through very changing times.



Anna Paravalos is one of our Angels who has taken these moms and their little ones and tucked them into her heart. Our new mothers glow with gratitude as they tuck their little one into one of Anna's gorgeous, hand knitted blankets. Many thanks to all of our Angels, who, like Anna, help care for little ones in need!

Opportunity Knocks!

Are you looking for a way to be a positive impact in someone's life? Do you have a few hours a week to share? ZOE for Life!® presents many opportunities for involvement! Join us! Call Paula at 440-893-9990 to see where your talents can become a tangible blessing!

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Join Our Bottles for Babies Campaign

We want to send you a baby bottle, and ask you to fill it with loose change. What could be simpler? Simply empty your change into the bottle every day. When it is full, take it to the bank and send the cash to ZOE for Life!®. Reuse and repeat! Contact Georgiann at cgbod@sbcglobal.net.



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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Are you a physician who is wanting to help confirm the sanctity life of the unborn? ZOE Women's Center® is in need of a licensed physician to read ultrasounds to confirm the viability of pregnancy. This is pro bono work, and currently occurs once a quarter. We are hoping this will increase. Please contact Kim Speck at 440-708-8434 to help.

In 1997, ZOE for Life!® was established in an effort to offer encouragement and support to women in distress due to an unplanned pregnancy. Now, 24 years later, we have grown and realized that for the ministry to continue, we need to create a National Board. To that end, Orthodox Christian Ministries has taken us under their wing to begin the process of understanding our needs, and how to best meet them. During this work, they challenged us to create a WHY statement - in other words, a concise description of the reason for the ministry.

After many hours of deliberation, the following sentence was adopted.

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If this statement touches your heart as deeply as it did ours, please join us! Together, we can change the world we live in!



Facebook

Earlier this year we discontinued our fan Facebook page (zoeforlifefanpage) and created a business page ZOEforLife® National (@ZOEforLifeInternational). By doing so this allows us to create engaging posts to broaden our audience. Please make sure you LIKE the page (top of the Facebook page). We will then be part of your news feed. With your actions of liking, sharing, commenting on any of those posts, it gains us a larger audience reach to inform more people of

our agency and services provided to those who can use the support.

We ask you to invite your like-minded Facebook friends so they can hear of our efforts, witness clients helped and see our wonderful and dedicated volunteers in action.

