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LOVE IS THE WAY TO VICTORY

PREMISE: The more you _____ in _____, the more _____ you'll _____.

A. LOVE IS A POWERFUL _____.

- * Walking in love is crucial in _____ hearts, _____ steps and _____ relationships.
- * The real battleground is _____.
- * If those thoughts become filled with _____, etc., you'll _____ that battle spectacularly.

- * Replace all that with _____, etc. and you'll find yourself _____ again & again.
- * Note how damaging _____ can be ... Not just _____, but even more so _____.

Proverbs 4:23 → *Above all else, _____, for everything you do flows from it.*

SUMMARY: Every time you slip into _____ thoughts & attitudes, you _____ to the prowling lion; every time you _____, you _____.

Every time you slip into _____ thoughts & attitudes, you _____ the _____ to the Holy Spirit; every time you _____, you _____.

B. LOVE IS A POWERFUL _____.

- * Not talking about your best & determined _____, but about _____ love.
- * God the Father has _____ the love of Christ into your heart by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Our job is to _____ it lavishly & indiscriminately.
- * Sometimes love must be _____, sometimes _____, but always _____.

JESUS knew the _____ & was an expert in all the right _____. But above all, He was _____ to the Holy Spirit's leading:

- * He was able to _____ what was needed in every situation.
- * He didn't allow His holy heart to _____ from sinners.
- * He didn't let man's _____ and likely _____ stop Him from doing what love _____.
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