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I Will Serve A Noble Cause

(Making love my master motivator)
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"But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most **excellent** way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, **BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING.**" (1 Cor 13; NIV)

The Anatomy Of A Noble Cause

The Master **motivation** is **love**.

The Main **mission** is **freedom**.

"God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered **free**, (Luke 4:18; the MSG)

The 4 Loves.

The love of self for **self's sake**.

"Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things **YOU SHOW** that you do not really love God; for all these worldly things, these evil desires--the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance--these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever." (1 John 2:15-17; NLT)

The love of God for **self's sake**.

"Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (Matthew 7:22-23; NIV)

The love God for **God's sake**.

The love of self for **God's sake**.

"He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Luke 10:27; NIV)

The 3 Freedoms

The freedom **from**.

"Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin?** Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin." (Romans 7:24-25; NLT)

The freedom **under**.

"God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating. (Col. 1:13-14; The Msg)

The freedom **to**.