

***“Walk while listening to your inner voice”***

It is common to observe that there are people who are full of multiple rules, laws and norms that seem to bind them in what often turns out to be excessive useless rigor; and on the other hand, those who feel ‘free’ in their daily lives.

On that point, Paul of Tarsus says “not to observe the law”, but rather referring it to his last and most challenging root, guided by love. In effect, he writes: *“The whole law is fully summarized in this precept: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’”*.

In love we find freedom and responsibility: we must love everyone, be the first to love, love the others as we love ourselves, even those who seem to be our enemies. Love impels us to be responsible people in the family, at work and in all environments. So we can build relationships in peace, in justice and in legality-

The law of love is the most solid foundation of our sociality, as a French teacher says: *“I teach in the outskirts of Paris, in a disadvantaged area with a multicultural population. I present interdisciplinary projects to work as a team, living fraternally among colleagues and being credible when proposing that model to the children. I learnt not to expect immediate results, even when a student does not change. The important thing is to continue believing in him and to accompany him, valuing him and gratifying him. Sometimes I have the impression of not being able to change anything, other times I receive the tangible proof that the built relationships bear fruit, as happened with a student of mine who during the lesson did not participate constructively. I explained calmly and firmly that to live in harmony each one had to do his part. Shortly after he wrote to me: ‘I apologize for my behavior, it will not happen anymore. I know that you expect from us actions and not words, and I want to commit myself in that sense. You transmit us fair values and desire to improve’”*.

Chiara Lubich writes: *“Love moves us, it suggests how to respond in situations and in the options that are presented to us. Love teaches us to distinguish: ‘this is fine, I do it; this is wrong, I do not’. Love impels us to act seeking the good of the other. We are not guided from the outside, but by the inner voice. ”*

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