

## LOVE AND PRAYER—OUR FOUNDATION

*“But the end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can PRAY. Above all else, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.”*

**1 Peter 4:7-8**

As we train to positively impact the policies that affect our families through public testimony, direct one-on-one discussions with officials, via telephone calls, faxes, and letters, it is imperative that we do all things in a Christ-like manner.

Speaking the truth in love requires a heart full of love. Unconditional love for our legislators without any hidden motives or agenda must be the foundation on which we build. Then, as it says in 1 Peter 4:1, as we arm ourselves with the same attitude as Christ, we will be clear-minded and self-controlled, able to pray and act to positively structure civil debate around correct acts and issues.

In this arena of affecting public policy, we must be especially careful to be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. In our desire to share our views and persuade our legislators, it is good to remember that it is not our job to convict men of sin. It is our job to be faithful and leave the results to God. Oswald Chambers wrote, *“we are not sent to battle for God, but to be used by God in HIS battle.”* Proverbs 25:15 reads, *“Through patience a ruler can be persuaded and a gentle tongue can break a bone.”*

As people like you, the faces and voices of the community, become involved for the sake of our families, *Ua mau ke ‘ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono* will reign throughout our islands. For we are pono (righteousness = pono = doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right manner).

*“Love is patient, love is kind,  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
It is not proud, it is not rude,  
It is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,  
It keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.  
Love never fails.”*

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)**