

Love is not easy

It is easy to love others when you want the same things they do.

But when what others want will mean you can't have what you need, then loving them will require you must deny yourself if you are to remain faithful to Christ.

When for instance, what if you find out that the person you married no longer cares for you, but expects you to treat them as if nothing has changed, then you begin to understand the love of Christ for you. And you remain faithful to the Lord as you continue to love as He has loved you. If anything, your love will increase as Christ strengthens you for your obedience of love for Him.

You may feel like a boarder in your own home, but the loving presence of Christ upholds you so that you don't grumble, but trust in Him to use your testing for your greatest good in the kingdom of God and for His glory.

Don't bother telling me about those who make forgiveness hard. Don't grumble according to the flesh but live according to the Spirit of God who lives in you.

If you are to love your enemies surely you can love family.

"So then, brothers and sisters, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live."
Rom 8:12-13

It is important to understand that the way people show love to others reflects the way they love God.

The blind can't please God.

The quality of the fellowship on the vertical plane matches the quality of the fellowship on the horizontal plane.

At least we can know how we should pray for others. If we are serious about loving God, then loving the unloving is eminently possible.

This is only possible because God has first loved us and His love has been poured out into our hearts by the Spirit, if indeed you have the Spirit of Christ.

We can't give what we haven't possess. With god's help, compassion replaces confusion.

What sustains us in the darkness of the world is the presence of Christ as the love of God in our hearts, because we have received all His precious and magnificent promises.

No longer should we look to people, not even the saints, for no one but Christ can fill our need for the love of God which is beyond understanding. So, we must cling to Him

We can tell when we don't look to Christ because we get disappointed with people who are unable to satisfy our deep need for fellowship.

Deepest fellowship - Beyond understanding fellowship. The depth and the breadth of the love made possible by the power of the Spirit who brings Christ to dwell in our hearts.

Every difficulty and disappointment is a call to fellowship in His love. It is only in the light of His love that we can be His light in the world.

If we want more of God, He requires all of us. If we won't give all we won't get all.

We can tell by the condition of the horizontal plane.

for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.

Rom 8:13-14

We are being sanctified by God's love testing us to identify the flesh for us to put to death, so we can become more holy and loving like His Son, in order that we can enjoy greater depth of fellowship with Him.

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