

1st John #55 “Matrimony Testimony” 1st John 3:16

There’s only one way we’ll ever enter into an intimate loving walk with God and it starts with the filling of the Holy Spirit because the fruit of the Spirit is love and fruit is gain or profit.

It should be number one on our scale of values to love each member of the Trinity and we’ll first come to a love for God the Holy Spirit because He’s our Mentor-Teacher, who brings the things which we’ve forgotten to our memory.

If we have no true love for people we see as demonstrated by a love-hate relationship with someone over the years; we certainly don’t have any true love for an invisible God.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we cannot lose our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ but we can be corrupted in our thinking.

Experiential abiding in intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ means we have to think as Jesus Christ thought.

We all have the potential for enduring devotion through aggressive vigorous pursuit in learning, understanding, believing and applying biblical truth but if you’re a believer in Jesus Christ and He doesn’t have first place in your life, you may have married the greatest person in the world and have fantastic mutual communication but something’s always going to be missing because your marriage is not built on the solid rock foundation of personal love for God first and foremost.

Biblical truth gives us the power to love an invisible God and this power is made up of two parts: our active aggressive love of enduring devotion and our passive responding love of respect.

With God’s righteousness imputed to us, we’re now qualified to have an active aggressive love for God as He has had an active aggressive love for us from eternity past.

Thinking reached its peak with the mindset of Christ Jesus on the cross and it was His thinking that enabled Him to remain on the cross and bear every sin of human history.

Dedication to God is based on His Word circulating in our stream of consciousness, so as the biblical truth in our souls increases, the light in our souls increases and then we see ourselves clearly in the mirror of the Word of God.

Respect for God is our response to the grace of God as the ultimate expression of His love for us.

We have the opportunity to have the greatest love that’s ever existed in all of human history but not all believers take God up on His offer.

Enduring devotion and respect as the two categories of love between a man and a woman in Christian marriage will not function unless these two categories of love first exist toward God.

Many Christians will never find their true love because the Lord Jesus Christ does not have first place in their life.

If a man cannot bring enduring love to the marriage, he cannot be respected and if a woman cannot bring respect to the marriage, she cannot be loved.