

Romans # 162

“The Loving Priest and Ambassador”

*Romans 12:9-11*

**Capacity to love is related to capacity to concentrate and related to the character of the individual, their amount of integrity and their environment.**

Love is related to our standards and concepts of reality; it's an expression of our scale of values.

*A scale of values is a system of concentration and whatever we concentrate on most is the thing we enjoy most so it's first on our scale of values.*

When our scale of values changes from learning biblical truth, our capacity for love develops and that makes us enjoyable to be around because of our increased personal love for God.

All love is meaningless and disappointing unless we have personal love for God first, which makes all other loves real.

**In love, it's not so much what we do but what we think and it's great when we think first, then act.**

Love is a system of thought, so lack of love is lack of thought.

*Proper acting is a reflection of proper thinking when no hypocrisy is involved.*

Evil is the policy of Satan as ruler of this world and evil is the function of the sin nature as the ruler of life.

The command to *adhere to the good* refers to giving biblical truth # 1 priority in life: the first common sense application of the Christian life and the only way to survive distractions to our success.

**Every believer has honor because of his imputed righteousness.**

The practical application of God's judicial imputation of His righteousness to us is the RFHC in which each believer respects the residence of God's righteousness in all other believers by avoiding mental and verbal sins, therefore living and letting live.

*We cannot apply biblical truth unless we store it, so if we're negatively reactionary toward the Word of God, then we're negligent in application.*

The function of the priesthood is to advance to spiritual maturity and the function of our ambassadorship is to serve the Lord.

Serving the Lord is only a part of our full-time Christian life which includes many other things beginning with taking in biblical truth, which is not serving the Lord but preparation to serve Him when service opportunities occur.

**Christian production is not motivation to receive blessing from God but Christian works or service are the result of the normal function of our ambassadorship.**

Full-time Christian service is not the decision of the believer but the appointment of God.

*Legitimate Christian service or production is a sign of advance in the Christian life but it's never the means of advancement.*

Since our royal ambassadorship emphasizes production in the Christian way of life and since biblical truth in the soul is the means of that production, the negative command to avoid negligence is necessary, not only to avoid the devil's traps but to have legitimate production in our royal ambassadorship.

We are in His plan and cannot be removed from this world as long as God's purpose for our ministry continues.

This is a happiness that gives the capacity to love God and His creation.

*And that same biblical truth gives us ability to master the details of life and enjoy them when we have them and when we lose them to still have inner happiness and stability.*

**Our purpose in life is to represent the Lord Jesus Christ; entering into the spiritual conflict on this earth.**

**Since we are His representatives, everything is in His hands.**