

Living a Grace Filled Life "In My Relationships"

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. - Romans 12:19-21

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." – John 13:34-35

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. – I Corinthians 13:1-7

"The test of brotherly love in the power of God's grace."

What does it look like?

1) It must be sincere.

↗ It literally: It must be genuine, without hypocrisy.

2) It must use discernment.

↗ True love is not blind sentiment where it overlooks evil.

3) It must be devoted.

↗ The word devoted literally means a type of love for your family.

↗ Parents with their children, but also between other believers in Christ: to be kind and caring.

4) It must honor.

➔ How do we honor others above ourselves?

⇒ Share with those in need.

⇒ Practice hospitality.

⇒ Be happy for others for their success.

⇒ Make a choice to serve others.

Grace will flow from our lives when we allow the Holy Spirit to remove all arrogance, conceit, fear, worry, self-preoccupation, self-promotion, and self-vindication.