



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We need to imitate our Father! That means our level of living and our thinking needs to move to a higher level. In order to do that we must concern ourselves with the pursuit of God and allowing our thinking to be developed by God.

One of the first things we came to recognize when we were baptized into Christ Jesus is God’s love for us. God showed us His love toward us and expects us to grow and walk in His love. God is our teacher on how to love one another. If we are tied to God we will be tied to one another because we recognize God’s love for all those in Christ Jesus. We also will pursue helping those outside see the gospel that saves.

Along the way in our walk with the Lord things start slowing creeping and we start trying to rationalize more things rather than walk in faith, trusting in the Lord. The result is we stop looking out for the best of our brothers and sisters. Love begins to erode slowly. It is so easy to follow our own desire and forget the love of God to use it on others. The Hebrew writer says it this way: **“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”** (Hebrews 2:1) Drifting is a slow process and it can happen easily especially if we aren’t paying attention to what we have heard.

We need to always keep as our aim, our goal as this: **“And make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your own hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.”** (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12) When our love for God dwindles, our love for the brethren will too. The result in this will be our behavior will not be proper toward outsiders but acting many ways just like them! When we were dead in our sins, we walked just like everyone else around us. Upset, fighting against this and that. How can people see God in all this?

Let’s re-evaluate our lives and how we live. How does the Father really impact your thoughts and living? Too many are living by their own thinking rather than the teaching of the Lord. Our goal, our aim is spelled out clearly. Think about it!!!

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