

16. How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

In Christ we are all being changed into the image of God — and God is not lukewarm about evil and good.

John Piper

These days its not just that the line between right and wrong has been made unclear, today Christians are being asked by our culture today to erase the lines and move the fences, and if that were not bad enough, we are being asked to join in the celebration cry by those who have thrown off the restraints religion had imposed upon them. It is not just that they ask we accept, but they now demand of us to celebrate it too.

Ravi Zacharias

Faith deals with invisibles, but God hates that love which is invisible.

Thomas Watson

I'm tired of sloppy agape!

J. Vernon McGee

We are to hang on tightly to that which is good, allowing it to be cemented to our souls so that we do not drop or lose it with the next wind of cultural fantasy that comes our way.

R.C. Sproul

If love is the sum of virtue and hypocrisy is the epitome of vice, what a contradiction to bring the two together.

John Murray

His preaching is good. His writing is better. His living is best of all.

said of William Arnot

Your whole conduct is to be governed by the kind of loving outlook which characterizes God's outlook upon you.

There is only one thing that can ever make you 'abhor that which is evil,' and that is a positive love for God. You will never understand the nature of evil until you understand something of the doctrine of the holiness of God, for evil is the opposite of that.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Christian love is not a directionless emotion or something that can be only felt and not expressed. Love is not genuine when it leads a person to do something evil or to avoid doing what is right — as defined by God in His Word.

Douglas Moo



Message #94: True Love Waits

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Sermon
Notes

1. Love without hypocrisy

2. Abhor what is evil

3. Cling to what is good

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?
 2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?
 3. What is *hypocrisy*? How can love be done with *hypocrisy*?
 4. What does *abhor* mean? Why is it necessary for a person who loves God to *abhor evil*?
 5. Why is it hard sometimes for us to be shocked by *evil*?
 6. How must we identify what is *evil*?
 7. How can we *abstain from every form of evil* (1 Thessalonians 5:22)?
 8. While *Romans 12:9* tells us to hate evil, it doesn't say how that hatred should be manifested in our lives. What do these verses say about how this hatred should be lived out?
Ephesians 5:11 — *2 Timothy 2:24-26* —
 9. How must we identify what is *good*?
 10. Why is it necessary for a person who loves God to *cling to what is good*?
 11. Why is it important to realize that love is a command and not a feeling? If we obey the command without the feelings are we being hypocritical? Explain.
 12. It is often said that we must love the sinner but hate the sin. Is this biblical? Consider *Psalms 5:5-6; 139:21; Jude 23*. Should we be friends with evil people? What are the biblical guidelines?
 13. Would someone looking at your life conclude your love must be divinely inspired? Prayerfully meditate upon *1 Corinthians 13* and compare the quality of your love against the standard of Scripture. Do I love others, especially those in the church, without hypocrisy?
 14. What is the source of our love for others (*Romans 5:5*)?
 15. To what acquaintance, friend, or enemy do I need to show more love?
- 1 Timothy 5:20* — *2 Timothy 4:2* —