

**1 John 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, **the love of the Father is not in him.**

### **Psalm 133**

**1** {A Song of degrees of David.} **Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

**2** *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

**3** As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: **for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.**

**Romans 12:10** In love of the brethren **be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another;**

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, **be vigilant;** because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he **may devour:**

**2 Timothy 2:22** **But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord **out of a pure heart.****

The devil is always looking for a way to devour each of us. Knowing we are **commanded** to love one another, he will always be seeking to **bring division** between brethren. And at the top of his list will be those that are closest to us. Those we love the most will be the prime target to bring division, to cause maximum hurt if we allow his deceits and works. When two people are in close agreement, as they walk together, and in agreement with the word and with each other, the devil knows their prayers are extremely powerful, and so this is one reason why satan and his demons work so hard to bring separation between husbands and wives or couples or close friendships. God loves unity and honors unity. Where there is unity and peace, there is love.

**Amos 3:3** Can two walk together, except they are agreed?

**Matthew 18:19** Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

**Ephesians 4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

If we realize how important it is for Satan to keep close relationships in strife and division, then we can also understand the importance of fulfilling the command to love one another as Christ loves us. **Love casts the devil out of the relationship.** Loving those closest to us protects us from one of the most devastating tactics the enemy can possibly use to destroy not only ourselves, but those closest to us, and those we love the most. We are with these people we love much of the time and so to have peace with each of them is extremely important. To ourselves and to them, and to our prayers. Adversely if we are in strife and unforgiveness and hurt and resentment with those close to us, it can devastate our whole walk with God and theirs. It can devastate whole families and destroy loving relationships. **Love casts the evil out of relationships.** So we can see that one of the enemy's main focuses is to destroy not only our own walk, but also those close to us, thus ensuring no one fulfills the commandment to love. He does this by bringing division and strife through misunderstanding and suspicion and hurt, whether it be real or deception (wrong perception or discernment of what is really true). If the devil can prevent us from loving one another, then he prevents us from obeying God. Remembering that hearing about love and not doing it, is not of faith because faith without works is dead. Also remembering that what God calls love is not what the world calls love. It would really really suit the enemy if he could cause us to destroy each other through his deceptions and the sin in our lives. **He works through our agreement with his ways.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:9** But concerning love of the brethren ye have no need that one write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another;

**Galatians 5:15** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

As usual the devil uses deceit to bring destruction to couples and families and preferably he will use each against the other, for maximum damage. He wants us to be hurt by each other and **blame each other for his works.** As we walk with the Lord, He is sanctifying each of us and as such there are many areas where we each are under bondage until the Lord, The Holy Spirit brings light to shine upon it, and are then able to see iniquity, and so then repent and are set free of that bondage. If we do not blame others or look to self for false comfort. If we are obedient to love (no self justification, no excuse). We each have weaknesses to overcome. In most cases we love each other but through judging or criticism or unforgiveness or selfishness or a list of past wrongs kept in the heart, or many other things, we let each other down. The way out of this web of the enemy, is love. To let go of hurt and unforgiveness, to forgive, knowing that we ourselves also are not perfected. Neither are those close to us. To let go of wrongs and hurts is to be set free of self. If we consider **(in our own mind)** that our loved one is wrong (judging), then **we are instructed to bear with them.** To point out faults and criticize and become bitter and resentful is strengthening the enemy's power to destroy the relationship. We are making ourselves a judge and so come under judgement. Playing into the devil's schemes, being deceived because we disobey the command to love. When we obey, we put things into God's hands. When we do not, we keep the problem, we have not trusted

God with it. If we trusted God we would **simply obey** and believe. Love overcomes, it strips the devils power away, to be able to cause division. It sets our minds, emotions and feelings free and opens our eyes to the light. It sets those close to us free as well. So we say to ourselves, "**I will forgive their iniquities, and remember their sins no more.**" Just like God says for us. We are completely free if we set others completely free. Our own freedom relies on this. Our own freedom relies on love.

**Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

**Romans 15:1** We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and **not to please ourselves**.

**1 Thessalonians 5:14** And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, **encourage the fainthearted**, support the weak, **be longsuffering toward all**.

**Hebrews 8:12** **For I will forgive their iniquities, and remember their sins no more.**"

**Matthew 18** **32** Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: **33** Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? **34** And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors**, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **35** **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you**, if ye **from your hearts** forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

We each let Jesus down continually, daily, as we continue to walk with Him. And each time we humble ourselves and repent, He forgives us and throws the transgressions away(grace). He does not keep a record, He says "ok forgiven, get up my child and continue in my love." And so our relationship with God grows as we see His great love for us. **It is His grace that sets us free** and His enduring love and patience. He asks us to do the same with those we love. Walk as Jesus walked. As we sow love toward each other and show them grace, we reap more of Gods love and grace. As we show our loved ones grace and mercy, they are also set free, because it is the power of The Holy Spirit working through faith and love. This is the gospel that sets free. **The devil and division cannot survive where love is being walked in.** If we are in the flesh, or protecting self, in order to justify arguing and criticism, or justify hurt feelings, then we are not walking in love. **Hurt feelings can reveal darkness in us** where the enemy has found place(rejection or past hurt). Love suffers long and endures all things and bears all things and doesn't remember lists of wrongs. Love cannot thrive in un-forgiveness or criticism. Self has to die. The old man is crucified. Hanging on to self allows the enemy to divide and conquer. Love is the weapon against this. Demons tremble when they fail to divide us. They tremble when we obey God. When we let go of self and allow love to reign, their power over us is stripped. Love overcomes, and we have the power of the Holy Spirit to walk in it. There is no excuse, we have the grace, which overcomes sin, we have the power to love.

**Psalm 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**Galatians 5:24** And they that are Christ's **have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

**James 4:1** From whence *come* wars **and fightings among you?** *come they* not hence, *even* of your **lusts that war in your members?**

**1 Corinthians 3:3** **For ye are yet carnal:** for whereas *there is* among you envying, and **strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**

If we spend half of our time with those close to us, and allow satan to destroy those relationships, then he is half way to destroying not only ourselves, but also halfway to destroying those we claim to love. The way he destroys relationships is to have us disobey God. He wants us to focus on self. Gods love sees the good in others, and looks to lift and edify others. It forgives all things, suffers long and endures for the sake of others. Gods love does not find fault or keep a record of wrongs. satan wants each of us bound up in our minds and emotions, hanging on to pain and hurt, unable to forgive and move forward and grow in love together. Tied up in **feelings of betrayal and hurt, feeling unloved** often through the **negative thoughts** the enemy tries to implant in our mind. Many times he does this through insecurities we may have such as previous betrayals or past rejection (places of emotional pain and hurt). **The very thing that God may be trying to expose and draw up and out of ourself (using others).**

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If we choose not to justify ourself. **If we choose not to agree or accept negative thoughts and emotions which come from the enemy, then it will be difficult for the enemy to bring division.** We need to face the hurt with forgiveness (love) instead of withdrawing into self pity or self justification (short term false comfort), self protection. We hate being vulnerable, and love causes us to feel vulnerable. Forgiving can hurt so we tend to avoid it, the devil relies on this, we would rather justify what we are feeling. If we feel or are thinking negative things **they are not from God. They reveal the enemy within.** They reveal pain and hurt and rejection. God may be trying to bring healing to us, to heal a past wound or hurt. If we do not get off the cross, and justify self, if we stop trying to blame the other person, **regardless whether we think they are right or wrong,** if we resist the devil, he must flee. If we let go and forgive, God can draw out the pain, sin or iniquity. **It may not make sense to our carnal mind** but this is how God works.

**Isaiah 55:9** For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Gods ways are love and grace and forgiveness. **Our carnal mind will rebel and deceive us, it hates the ways of God,** it wants to lay blame on others to protect self. It can be a battle, but we have the throne of grace, ask God for power to forgive and overcome. We choose to forgive. Receive healing, and allow those around us, those we love, to be set free also by the grace of God working through us.

**Romans 8:7** Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

**Romans 12** Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome evil with good**.

**1 Corinthians 13** **4** Love **suffereth long**, and is **kind**; love **envieth not**; love **vaunteth not itself**, is **not puffed up**, **5** doth **not behave itself unseemly**, **seeketh not its own**, is **not provoked**, **taketh not account of evil**; **6** rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; **7** **beareth all things**, believeth all things, hopeth all things, **endureth all things**. **8** Love never faileth:

These are the instructions for love. And we see that most of them are the **denying of** what we feel and our sense of justice. The denial of self. We simply suffer through and forgive, this is love and this is what Jesus did for us. If a loved one offends us **whether in truth or perceived falsely through lies in our mind and emotions**, we need to choose the way of love. **Our freedom lies in The Way of Love**. For our own sake and for theirs. The easy way, the “temporary” false comfort way, is to be angry and hurt and keep record of the wrong and thus allow the devil to torment and destroy. Love suffers long though, and endures all things and takes no account of evil. It is love that conquers, not hurt feelings and resentment and strife. Hurt feelings and emotions and resentment and strife and division are exactly what the **demonic kingdom feed on** to thrive and gain power to cause more division **and an even stronger hold on our emotions**. **Devils want us to take on the negative as our own**. They want us to take ownership of their works as though they are our own works(deception). Jesus Christ set us free! Allowing negative thoughts and emotions empowers them to keep destroying the relationship. **It allows the tormentors to torment our own soul** and we stay under bondage. Choosing love is often suffering, taking up our cross daily, but it also sets free. Turning to self is temporary false comfort, followed by torment and persecution by the enemy. Gods rod of correction for disobedience. Repent and obey the gospel.

**Psalms 142:6** Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: **deliver me from my persecutors**; for they are stronger than I.

**Psalms 18:17** He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: **for they were too strong for me**.

**Romans 8:6** For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

We must overcome **negative thoughts** and emotions to walk as Jesus walked, to walk in love. **Negative thoughts(carnal) if allowed by us, will always lead to negative emotions**. **Torment**. The battle is in the mind. We have The Spirit of power. We have the mind of Christ. By faith we have overcome the enemy in our mind. Cut the enemy off in the thoughts. Forgive.

**1 Corinthians 2:16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ**.

Once we overcome, the torment and accusations leave and we have peace of mind and unity. Love never fails! Remember satan works on deceit and lies. Many times people that truly do love each other, still have much trouble walking together in peace. Many times strife and division still sets in like a canker worm to destroy and devour families and relationships. The devil is always whispering reasons and lies as to why one does not love the other. A barrage of negative thoughts and suspicions that we need to resist. If we believe the lies he gains a foothold to destroy. If one offends or disappoints the other, he will attempt to keep resentment and bitterness between them. If we agree with him he devours our relationship. If we let him in through our thoughts, if we give in to self, if we give in to negative emotions and feelings we are being deceived, and helping the enemy to destroy our own life. If we forgive he is disempowered. It may seem even unreasonable that we need to be the one to forgive, but that is love. Love endures all things. If we ourselves show patience and grace and love, then those around us will be more empowered to do the same. The one that loses out if we let go of self, let go of hurt feelings, through love, is the devil.

**Joel 1:4** That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

**Malachi 3:11** And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Our flesh is fighting against our spirit for control of the soul. The feelings and emotions are very deceiving if we allow them to drive our decisions. The devil will whisper, "you need to be true to yourself." "Look what she did to you" "He doesn't really love you" But remember he is the father of lies. Negative thoughts which produce negative emotions do not come from God, they come from the devil! **Be true to Gods Word not to yourself !** Do not allow evil to reign.

**James 3** **13** Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. **14** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and **lie not against the truth.** **15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. **16** For where envying and strife is, **there is confusion** and every evil work.

**1 Corinthians 14:33** For **God is not *the author of confusion*, but of peace**, as in all churches of the saints.

We must trust Gods word and not lean on our own understanding or we will be **deceived and in confusion.** Unable to understand why things are not working out. **If there is confusion in a relationship then God is not the author.** The way to conquer the enemy is to **flee his works** and continually choose love.

**Ephesians 4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: **let not the sun go down upon your wrath**

If we feel hurt or emotional pain it can be that we were hurt earlier in life, and we are re-acting due to that earlier trauma. The evils spirits within, trigger that earlier trauma to cause that trauma to bring the emotional pain upon us. If we choose not to blame our loved one for the offense or pain we feel, but look for the source, the root of it, we can receive healing. Faultfinding and criticizing each other stops the process of finding the root of the problem. Forgive, so God can reveal the healing that He has in this trial. The fruits of our ground is love, abide in the vine for the power to choose and walk in love. Jesus in us working through love. Jesus showed us the way, He even died for us, even forgiving those that jeered and spat upon Him on the cross. **We have power through the Holy Spirit to overcome and forgive**, and when we do, we break the power of the enemy to use our disobedience to bring further separation, torment and destruction. We then have healed relationships as we obey the gospel. Love God and love your neighbor. Then the enemy trembles. When we abide in Jesus name, in love.

**Matthew 18:20** For where **two or three are gathered together** in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

**John 20** **19** Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.** **20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. **21** Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.** **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23** Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

**John 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

**Colossians 2:15** having **despoiled the principalities and the powers**, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

The longer we hang on to un-forgiveness the more intense the torment may become. Gods grace awaits us as we struggle to lay down self protection. It is not only feelings and emotions but also our minds that will be tormented, with the remembering of the offense. **The enemy uses negativity and self righteousness to torment** until we forgive. The rod of correction brings us to love. The enemy will keep reminding us of the offense and keep causing torment to our flesh. Because we are in the flesh when we hang on to these things. If we are walking in the Spirit, we forgive, and this torment cannot touch us. Sometimes we can try to forgive and not be able to, the enemies hold can be strong, or it's just the rebellious flesh nature, so then we humble ourselves and turn to the throne of grace and power of the Holy Spirit and ask for help, in faith.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come **boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

God loves repentance. Once we forgive, the torment on our thoughts, feelings and emotions is released because the enemy has no right to torment any longer. As we forgive, we are forgiven. As we judge so are we judged. Forgiveness sets us each free. Then satan has been **stripped of his power to trigger our feelings and emotions through our agreement with negative thoughts or un-forgiveness**. All he can do is try to draw our minds back to the offense and back into un-forgiveness. We resist and he will have to flee. Then we have peace and unity and love. We are also forming Jesus in us.

**Colossians 1:27** To whom God would make known **what is the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

**Romans 2:8** But **unto them that are contentious**, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, **indignation and wrath**,

**2 Thessalonians 1:8** **In flaming fire** taking vengeance on them that know not God, and **that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**:

**1 Peter 4:17** For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if it first begins with us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

The gospel, repent and believe the gospel. Faith without works is dead. We repent of our evil ways and **we are completely forgiven by God**. **As we completely forgive others**. As we walk out our salvation in love. God is trying to set each of us free from sin and iniquity, and as we forgive, we are forgiven. Many times if someone is hurting us or offending us, God is **using them to bring deliverance to ourself**. God will use those closest to us many times, to help draw up iniquity within us. **God uses all things for our good**, and **if we co-operate** he can use weaknesses of those close to us, (maybe an offense) to draw up our own weaknesses (through the offense) where the devil has a foothold or roots within us. Places of hurt and pain God wants healed. He can heal, **if we will obey the gospel** and forgive. If we will not judge or criticize. If we will let go of who is right and who is wrong (judging or justifying, law, condemnation). If we will hold on to peace.

**Colossians 3:15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Obey, forgive, love. God is able to use our weaknesses to do the same for others. Hurt feelings and emotions expose places where the enemy has a foothold within us. What we feel is not us, it reveals a response within. Our emotions can reveal the presence of the enemy within us if we open our eyes to it. Negative emotions reveal the enemy dwelling within us. If we feel hurt and pain and upset, it is **the enemy being exposed**, and **we have the chance to uproot it**. **We have**



**the chance to attack the enemy and overcome!** Through love. If we will but choose Love. Our emotions feel like us but are not us. Our emotions shine the light on and expose the enemy, if we understand. Our emotions can be used to discern the enemy, if we hone our discernment(listen to the Spirit). If we open our eyes and ears and smell the enemies stench. **We can use** our emotions and the discernment the Spirit gives, to smell the stench of the enemy at work. **Overcome thoughts and emotions through love. Receive healing.**

**Romans 7:18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:

**Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria **had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit,** was multiplied.

#### **Proverbs 4**

**5** Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

**6** Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

**7** Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

**8** Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

**9** She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Many of us have many things that we have been hurt by. Maybe past traumas or past emotional deep pain and hurt, betrayal and rejection. God wants to draw these things up and out of us, and the method He uses is love. His ways are not our ways. When we forgive we are forgiven and God can use other people to **cause us to face the hurt and pain we have often buried** within, from past experiences. Things we did not deal with properly. Things we really do not want to face and so avoid. So God needs to open that place up so we will deal with it. If we co-operate with The Holy Spirit, and die to self, always striving to walk in love, which is often suffering, he can draw these things up and out if we choose love and not self. We can then be set free of these bondages, to be healed. It is not a case of who is wrong and who is right. It is a case of obedience to the word. We may not understand but God does. He may use those close to us to deal with our own problems. To draw up things in us that need to come out. He uses ALL THINGS for the good of those that love Him. If we walk in love, in the Spirit, He will be able to bring victory to both people. Regardless of whether we understand or not. God knows what He is doing and He uses all things for our good. Even things that do not seem good. Even people who offend us.

**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding.**

Choose simply obedience through love, being doers of the word, and understanding that love includes long suffering and enduring and patience and peace and gentleness and is not provoked. Victory is in these things. We prove we believe by **walking** in love. If we do not, we prove we don't believe and fall under the law and the curse, which brings hardship to our lives. Without love we are nothing.

**Malachi 2:2** If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart.

**James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving your own selves.**

**Romans 8:28** And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

In the flesh we have a tendency to attempt to fix each other up and criticize and judge and find fault with one another. Then giving advise on what they should do about it. We see a plank in their eye but we forget we have one too. God is the healer and deliverer, not us. But we can walk in love. Perhaps they are in bondage and have no power over some things until God sets them free. As we ourself. Why judge them for not being perfect when we are not perfect ourself. Self righteousness. If we walk in love, God can use us to help set that person free of that bondage. If we walk in the flesh then we give the enemy even more power to continue the bondage. Criticism, fault finding, anger and such things helps the enemy to bring more destruction on both people and the relationship. These things come from below. Love though, strips the enemy of power, fault finding and un-forgiveness adds to the enemies control over our lives. **Negative things are not from above** and the **enemy uses them** to bring not only ourself, but the other person down. If we agree with darkness and negativity, **if we stay true to ourself, if we stay true to what we feel, we can be easily deceived because much of it is from beneath.** We are actually staying true to demonic power within. Stay true to love.

**James 3:17** **But the wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

The flesh and self nature will drag us into enemy territory and law and condemnation. **If what we feel lies against the truth** it is deceiving us. If we stay true to God, if we stay true to Gods word, if we stay true to love, and obey The Holy Spirit, He will use what the devil means to destroy and turn it into a blessing. When we detect the negative, we discern the enemy, and conquer through love. We detect the enemy by discerning our thoughts, negative thoughts are the enemy. We **detect the enemy** in our emotions and feelings, **negative feelings and emotions are from the enemy.** **If we detect and discern** the enemy then **we can cast them down and cast them out.** We are not deceived into believing the things we are detecting are from us, or are us, because in the spirit we agree with Gods Word. The old man is dead. **We have chosen to repent and turn** from these things. These things are in the flesh and we died to the flesh. The Holy Spirit will help us discern the enemy as we agree and obey the word of God. If we choose love, what the enemy meant for evil, God will turn into a blessing. And we will be made whole.

**1 Peter 3:18** Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; **being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;**

**1 Corinthians 2:14** But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because **they are spiritually discerned.**

**James 3 14** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.**  
**16** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, **with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

**James 3 17** But the **wisdom that is from above** is first **pure**, then **peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated**, full of mercy and good fruits, **without partiality**, and **without hypocrisy.**  
**18** And the **fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.**

**Nehemiah 13:2** Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: however, **our God turned the curse into a blessing.**

The enemy relies on contention and strife, to keep us from unity where the real power of God lies. These are the opposite of love, and so it destroys our walk with God. How much more so with those that are close to us. It is unbelievable that **we would allow** satan to **use us** to destroy our own friends and family! The ones we love the most. We are meant to be THE BODY OF CHRIST. One Mind. The Mind Of The Spirit. If the enemy can take our peace away he can steal our confidence in God. If he can use our own family and friends to do it, how he must grin and laugh. He comes to kill, steal and destroy. He will constantly barrage our minds with false suspicions and accusations and criticism and every evil thought. **He will drag us down through emotions and feelings, hoping we think or believe they define who we are. Hoping we do not realize that they actually reveal his evil presence** in our lives. He wants us to tear each other down instead of lifting each other up. If we allow or agree with his evil works, he can destroy our family, our friendships, our future. Jesus died on the cross for us, not only to save us, but so we could learn to walk in love. To walk like Him and come into His image. **To be a testimony of Him inside us, to others.** So he can dwell within us. A clean temple.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** Wherefore exhort one another, and **build each other up**, even as also ye do.

**Hebrews 10** **19** Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter** into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; **21** And *having* an high priest over the house of God; **22** Let us **draw near** with a **true** heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) **24** **And let us consider one another** to provoke **unto love and to good works**:

### **1 Peter 2**

**19** For this is commendable, **if a man for conscience toward God endures grief, suffering wrongfully.**

**20** For what glory is it, if, when you be buffeted for your faults, you shall take it patiently? but if, when you do well, and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is commendable with God.

**21** **For even to this were you called:** because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps:

**22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

**23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judges righteously:

**Psalms 133:1** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Hebrews 13:1** **Let brotherly love continue.**