

PURE AND SIMPLE DEVOTION

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear that somehow you will be led away from your pure and simple devotion to Christ, just as Eve was deceived by the serpent.

The Description Of Devotion

The Secret Of Simplicity Is The Two Great Commandments

Matthew 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they thought up a fresh question of their own to ask him.

35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question:

36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

37 Jesus replied, " 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

John 14:15 "If you love me, obey my commandments.

1 John 2:4 If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth.

5 But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.

6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.

7 Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment, for it is an old one you have always had, right from the beginning. This commandment - to love one another - is the same message you heard before.

8 Yet it is also new. This commandment is true in Christ and is true among you, because the darkness is disappearing and the true light is already shining.

9 If anyone says, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness.

10 Anyone who loves other Christians is living in the light and does not cause anyone to stumble.

11 Anyone who hates a Christian brother or sister is living and walking in darkness. Such a person is lost, having been blinded by the darkness.

1 John 3:10 So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the Devil. Anyone who does not obey God's commands and does not love other Christians does not belong to God.

11 This is the message we have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

16 We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

2 We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments.

3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and really, that isn't difficult.

The Secret Of Keeping The Commandments Is Commitment

Ruth 2:10 Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "Why are you being so kind to me?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner."

11 "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about the love and kindness you have shown your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers.

12 May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully."

Ruth 1:14 And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth insisted on staying with Naomi.

15 "See," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same."

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. I will go wherever you go and live wherever you live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

17 I will die where you die and will be buried there. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"

Titus 2:14 He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing what is right.

The Secret Of Commitment Is Choice

Galatians 5:13 For you have been called to live in freedom - not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.

14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."