The Attributes Of Love Pt15

Love Is Corrective Pt3

I. GO TO CHURCH:

HEBREWS 10:25

25. Not forsaking the [assembling] of ourselves [together], as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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- 1a) a gathering together in one place
- *1b) the religious assembly of Christians*

HEAR YE HIM [60-0712] It's wrong to stay home from church.

WE WOULD SEE JESUS [59-0422] If you loved God, you'd be at church. You've got to get back to the church. Back to the Bible, back to Christ.

CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED [63-0728] **Don't stay home**.

GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY [63-0317M]

A real mother wants to take her baby to church, and that's the thing you should do.

THE ENTOMBMENT [57-0420] Then how can you say you can stay home and be just as good a Christian as you would be at church? **You can't do it**.

THE POSITION OF A BELIEVER IN CHRIST [55-0227A]

Now, the fellow said, "I can be a Christian and stay home just as well." **No. You've got to meet together with the rest of the Body**.

WHAT VISIONS ARE [56-0421]

We feel that every person is duty bound to attend some church and belong to some church as a Christian. Now, the Bi... Many people say, "Oh, I stay home and read my Bible. I'm just as well off."

No, the Bible said we shouldn't forsake to assemble ourselves together. <u>We've got to</u> do that...

POSSESSING ALL THINGS [62-0506] <u>It's the will of God that we should assemble ourselves together</u> as we see the Day approaching, and that regularly...

IS YOUR LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL? [63-0630E]

...we must assemble ourselves together oft...

THIRSTING FOR LIFE [60-0304]

...when you separate yourself from believers... People say, "I can stay at home, be just as good a Christian as I can at church." **You can't**.

The Bible said, "Not forsake our assemble ourselves together, and that much more as we see the time coming."

If you're a Christian, you long to go where other Christians are, and fellowship with other Christians. So <u>you cannot stay away from church and live the same life</u>.

HEAR YE HIM [60-0806]

Bring your little kiddies to the Sunday school, and put them in Sunday school. You know, it's a sin to send your children to Sunday school, you know that. Go with them. Don't send them. You go with them. It's a sin to send them, and you stay home. So you--you just go with them. You bring them to Sunday school...

II. ASK YOUR PASTOR:

SUPER SIGN [62-0624]

Now, when it comes to asking questions, it's best that you <u>ask your pastors</u>.

ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED AFTER HIM [61-0416]

Now, many you people are writing me letters and saying, "Brother Branham, should we do this or do that?"

I always say, "<u>Ask your pastor</u>." See? Because I'll do anything I can answer you on the great fundamental evangelical doctrines of the Bible. But when it comes to about: "Should we do this and do that." <u>I always refer to your pastor</u>, because we might... Each man, there isn't two here, but what would disagree with one another on little technical things, whether we should comb our hair on the right side or the left. And mine, I have no trouble with that. So--so... But you know what I mean. We--we have those things, so I always just say that every congregation, "<u>Ask your pastor</u> those things." If he has led you far enough to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, can't you trust him the rest of the way through?

JEHOVAH JIREH [61-0312]

That's the reason I said <u>ask your pastor</u> (See?), <u>because sometimes it causes a little</u> <u>friction in the church, and we don't want that</u>. We--we want you to be in harmony and one accord.

SUPER SIGN [61-0430]

Now, if there's any question of doctrine, don't ask me. I'd rather you'd ask the pastor.

A TESTIMONY UPON THE SEA [62-0726]

If you have any need of spiritual things, consult your pastor.

REVELATION CHAPTER FOUR PT3 [61-0108]

If you ever feel to do something, or a revelation or something comes to you strangely, something warningly or something, be careful! Satan is as sly and slick as he can be. See? **Put it with the Word of God and consult your pastor**. See?

ABRAHAM'S GRACE COVENANT [61-0317]

When you see a Scripture, and you see here, and here, and here, and here, and you ask your pastor about it, and he says, "Aw, that was for another day." <u>If you're a child</u> <u>of God you won't believe that</u>. No, sir.

III. BE A REAL FRIEND:

PROVERBS 18:24

24. <u>A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly</u>: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

WHATEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU DO IT [54-0722]

Many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come, Brother Jack and I, side by side. Whether I'm feeling good, whether I'm right, whether I'm wrong, whatever it is, Jack Moore's still my friend. **That's a real friend**.

THE LAW HAVING A SHADOW [56-0621]

And your dear pastor, who is always such a close bosom friend to me... You know he loves me when he knows I'm wrong. That's what makes him such a good friend. No matter... A lot of times I say, "Joseph, I wished I could do that, my brother, but I just can't do it."

And some things that's really legitimate, and don't make any difference what you have to do, Joseph don't care. He's just all right anyhow. You know, anybody could be your friend when you're in the right. But when you--you're in the wrong, he's still your friend; that's a real friend.

I remember, used to have a little poem in school. Many of you my age can remember it, I suppose. Some--I don't get, just the last part or something about:

A man of words and not of deed, Is like a garden full of weeds.

Something on that order. And dry weathered friends is very many, but real friends that stick as close as a brother, they're--they're appreciated, and very, very fine. We appreciate it; I appreciate it.

THE TESTIMONY OF A TRUE WITNESS [61-1105] I love you. You proved to be my friend. When I was in need, you proved to be my friend. That's when a real friend shows, when they're friend. You proved to be my friend.

PRODIGAL [50-0827A]

That's the way the world treats you. As long as you got money, you got friends. But when your money's gone, your friends are gone. That's dry weather friends. I know a Friend Who will stick by you if you haven't got a penny: Jesus Christ the Son of God. I've been to a place where I had not a cent. He loved me. He loved me just as much as I wouldn't have a penny as if I had a million dollars. He loves me just the same.

A SUPER SENSE [59-1227E]

Now, <u>don't you listen to one foul thing the devil's got to say</u>. See? If the devil shows you some, or tells you something evil about one of the members of the body of Christ, don't you believe it. For as soon as you believe it, <u>you mar your experience</u>.

And if you see one of the members of the Body of Christ doing something evil, don't tell nobody else; but go to that member, and with love, and see if you can't bring them back to Christ again. And if you can't do it, then tell one person, or let them go with you. Do it the way the Scripture said. See? But don't...

If somebody said, "Sister So-and-so, or Brother So-and-so," don't you believe one word of it. You just leave it go. Because, remember, it's the devil trying to tear you to pieces. Now, just look for him to come in, 'cause he'll do it. Now, you let the good man of the house, faith, stand right there, and don't you receive one thing. These people have been set in heavenly places with you, fellowship together around the blessings of God, taking the communion at the table, and the Holy Spirit has witnessed that they are the children of God. So let's just be real sweet, kindhearted, forgiving, loving. And if the other person talks evil against you, you talk sweet against them. Watch how sweeter it comes to you then. See? That's right. Just always return good for evil, love for hate.