

What Does Love Do When a Brother Falls into Sin? 10/24/10

What does love do when...

HOW TO love one another:

1. Love Jesus
2. Befriend the confused
3. Esteem one another
4. Edify one another
5. Forgive
6. Protect
7. Correct
8. Reconcile
9. Restore

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Love Protects.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.

Love Corrects.

2 Timothy 2:24 And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,
²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Love Reconciles.

Matthew 5:23 "If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,
²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Love Restores.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.
² Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Love Protects, Corrects, Reconciles and Restores.

Matthew 18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
² And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,
³ and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
⁵ "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;
⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.
⁷ "Woe to the world because of *its* stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!
⁸ "And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire.
⁹ "And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the fiery hell.
¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.
¹¹ "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.
¹² "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?"

¹³ "And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

¹⁴ "Thus it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

¹⁵ "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

¹⁶ "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.

¹⁷ "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.

¹⁸ "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

²⁰ "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

All Scripture: NASV