

The Most Excellent Way Part 3- "Love does not"

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; Proverbs 3:5

Flesh is best described by our own human desires.

Spirit is best described as the decisions we make that are in line with God's word.

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. Galatians 5:17

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 14:12,16:25

(Picture of John's Scout)

Envy is wishing evil for someone else by strongly desiring that what they have will be taken from them.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. James 4:1-2

Celebrate the accomplishments of others and praise people as often as we can.

16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:16-17

Jealousy wants what others have, while boasting makes others want what we have.

(Slides only) Humble Brag- to make a seemingly modest, self-critical, or casual statement or reference that is meant to draw attention to one's admirable or impressive qualities or achievements

(Slides only)- PLEASE READ AND RESPOND WITH WHAT YOU WOULD DO...?? (A really good platform to tell you what I did and not brag.) I am beyond troubled. (Because I am a very sensitive person) Today I went shopping for gifts here in Bali (Guess who's in Bali??!?!?) and saw a very old, small, skinny, fragile lady looking lost. Before I entered the store I watched out of concern (I notice these things most people don't) for the old lady as I thought she might be lost or have dementia. After about ten minutes (I'm willing to be inconvenienced) and as security talked with her I thought they were trying to help. THEN THEY REACHED IN HER BAG AND TOOK OUT A SMALL AMOUNT OF FOOD. Then I approached (because I get involved) and asked...is she lost or needs help? Security said our vendor said she could not pay for her food. I said " I will pay for the food...please give it back to her!!" (I do more than just observe, I am willing to sacrifice) After many attempts (I don't give up easily) they sent her on her way. THEN THEY WENT TO THE GARBAGE AND THREW AWAY THE FOOD...???? It is now hours later and I cannot recover from what I witnessed. (Because injustice rocks me to the core) We are hosting a going away party here at our apt. and I am in no way recovered to party. (Please tell me I'm amazing and I deserve to party) I do not post much anymore here on FB (because I'm so humble) but I needed to vent. Thank you!!

(Slides only) Love your spirit "Jerome", nice to know there are some kind people left in this crazy world.

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." Matthew 6:1

Love intentionally shines the spotlight on other people not ourselves.

Boasting in any form, either humbly or overtly puts ourselves first and everyone else, including God last.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8

