

The Battle of Love

Many of us fall short of living a successful life of Transformation because we are never able to completely express “love” the way Christ expected it to be expressed. We may indeed limit the expression and experience into a very narrow view (our view, not His).

In the book, A Different Kind of Happiness, author Larry Crabb directs our attention to this matter, with a challenging list about love. Dr. Crabb declares;

“As you keep walking the narrow road, engage the battle for a better love by asking yourself, and honestly answering before God, several questions:

- > Do I sincerely long for God to work in the one who has hurt me so badly?
- > Can I envision who my friend could become and pray for that vision to be realized?
- > Am I open to however the Spirit might lead me to respond in this difficult circumstance?
- > Have I asked God to search my heart to point out anything in my attitude that offends Him?
- > Will I make known my sadness and struggle to godly friends and seek their wisdom?

You may receive direct leading from the Lord on what to do, or you may not. Either way, if you are asking these questions (and others like them) and are decisively open to answering them honestly, you are engaged in the battle for a better love.”

Jesus shared this type of teaching with the disciples several different ways, but in the book of John we read it this way: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

This battle of love, that shows the success of our Transformation journey, can be fought in many ways. You get to choose – your way, or His.

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