

## INSPECTION – “WHAT DOES IT SAY?”

What does Paul say is the motive behind his words of encouragement? Verse 9

What is necessary in order to honor others above yourself? Verse 10

How do we respond to those who persecute us? Verse 14

What is the reason behind the discernment between good and evil for a Christian? Verse 17

List examples from Jesus' life that emulate these verses.

## OBSERVATION – “WHAT DOES IT MEAN?”

What is the difference between loving someone and acting like you love someone?

How are contributions and hospitality similar?

Are there different forms of revenge? What is passive-aggressive revenge?

What might be an example of not being able to be at peace with someone?

Consider how social media and advertisement has distorted the meaning of love.

## LIFE APPLICATION – “WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?”

Make a list of Paul's encouragements in the verses. Post them where you can see them often.

Consider how to be intentional in associating with those who are of low position.

Consider what resources you have that could be shared with others.

Consider a life-change decision based on this week's lesson.

Demonstrate radical love toward your enemy this week.

## MEDITATION – “WHAT DOES GOD SAY?”

2 Corinthians 7:1

Hebrews 12:14

2 Timothy 1:9

Psalms 139:23-24

Ephesians 5:3

Isaiah 57:15

Luke 8:16

## SUPPLICATION – “WHAT WE CAN MEDITATE?”

Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God’s judgment—hating what He hates—loving what He loves—and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word.

A holy man will endeavor to shun every known sin, and to keep every known commandment. He will have a decided bent of mind toward God, a hearty desire to do His will—a greater fear of displeasing Him than of displeasing the world, and a love to all His ways. He will feel what Paul felt when he said, “I delight in the law of God after the inward man.” (Romans 7:22)

A holy man will strive to be like our Lord Jesus Christ. He will not only live the life of faith in Him and draw from Him all his daily peace and strength, but he will also labor to have the mind that was in Him, and to be “conformed to His image.” (Romans 8:29) It will be his aim to bear with and forgive others, even as Christ forgave us—to be unselfish, even as Christ pleased not Himself—to walk in love, even as Christ loved us—to be lowly-minded and humble. He will remember that Christ was a faithful witness for the truth—that He came not to do His own will—that it was His meat and drink to do His Father’s will. He will lay to heart the saying of John, “He that saith he abideth in [Christ] ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.” (1 John 2:6)

A holy man will follow after meekness, longsuffering, gentleness, patience, kind tempers, government of his tongue. He will bear much, forbear much, overlook much, and be slow to talk of standing on his rights.

A holy man will follow after temperance and self-denial. He will labor to mortify the desires of his body—to crucify his flesh with his affections and lusts—to curb his passions—to restrain his carnal inclinations, lest at any time they break loose.

A holy man will follow after charity and brotherly kindness. He will endeavor to observe the golden rule of doing as he would have men do to him, and speaking as he would have men speak to him. (J.C. Ryle 1816-1900)