

Unconventional Love

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Conventional

based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed

conforming or adhering to accepted standards, as of conduct or taste

based on or in accordance with general agreement, use, or practice; customary

Love

an intense feeling of deep affection

feel a deep romantic or sexual attachment to (someone)

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not based on or conforming to what is generally done or believed

very different from the things that are used or accepted by most people

not bound by or conforming to convention, rule

Love (Biblical)

Is action!

John 14 : 15

I John 3 : 16 – 18

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Why do we withdraw from our Brethren?

“It is commanded.”

“A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”

“Evil company corrupts good habits.”

The conventional answer

We withdraw from our Brethren because of Love.

We love God more than we love them.

Matthew 22 : 37

“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.”

“No one can serve two...” Matthew 6 : 24

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I Corinthians 5 : 1 – 8

A man is in sin.

“A man has his father’s wife.”

They love this man

“You do nothing, you are puffed up...”

They should have had unconventional love.

“Your glorying is not good...withdraw”

James 2 : 15 – 16, 18

But we told him, “be warmed and filled.”

They were unwilling to give the man what he needed...Love.

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I Corinthians 5 : 1 – 8

Why do we withdraw from our Brethren?

It is commanded.

“Therefore purge out the old leaven...”

‘ekkathairo’ – ;to cleanse out, clean thoroughly

A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Matthew 13 : 33

A little leaven will leaven everything.

Matthew 16 : 6, 11

“Beware the leaven...”

Evil company corrupts good habits. (I Corinthians 15 : 33)

“...let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness...”

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I Corinthians 5 : 5

Why do we withdraw from our Brethren?

LOVE

“...deliver such a one to Satan...”

How can this be love?

Consider the why...

“...for the destruction of the flesh...”

Jude 22 – 23

“...hating...the garment defiled by the flesh.”

“...that his spirit may be saved...”

Jude 22 – 23

“...have distinction...save with fear...”

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What does it mean to withdraw from our Brethren?

I Corinthians 5 : 9 – 13

“...not to keep company...”

‘sunanamignumi’ - to mix up together, that is, (figuratively) associate with; to keep company with, be intimate with one

“...not even to eat with such a person.”

‘sunesthio’ - to take food in company with

“...put away...the evil person.”

‘exairo’ - to remove; to lift up or take away out of a place

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What does it mean to withdraw from our Brethren?

II John 9 – 11

“...do not receive him...”

‘lambano’ - ; to take with the hand, lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use it, to associate with one’s self as companion, attendant

“...do not...greet him.”

‘chairo’ - impersonal especially as a salutation (on meeting or parting), be well – to wish God speed.

II Thessalonians 3 : 13 – 14

“...do not keep company...that they may be ashamed.”

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But remember this is L O V E

II Thessalonians 3 : 15

“...do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”

Galatians 6 : 1

“...restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness...”

Why do we withdraw?

“...restore...” Galatians 6 : 1

‘katartizo’ - to complete thoroughly, that is, repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust

“...save...” Jude 23

‘sozo’ - to save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively)

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What about our own family?

Matthew 10 : 34 – 37

“...a man against his father...”

“...a man’s enemies will be...of his...household.”

“He who loves...more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

I Corinthians 5 : 1, 11

“...a man has his father’s wife!”

A man (son) has his father’s wife.

“...named a brother...”

There is no exception clause if it is your family.