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## Compelling Devotion - 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Why the word “Love” lost its significance: I can love a person or a waffle.

### Desire and Devotion Has An Object

**Luke 6:32** Even sinners D and D those who D and D them

**John 12:43** Desire and Devoted to the praise from others

**Matthew 24:12** Desire and be Devotion can burn hot in lust or grow cold through indifference or “increase due to wickedness”

### Distorted Devotion

**2 Tim 3:2-5**

**Luke 11:42-44** Ritual, Praise over Desire and Devotion

### In Contrast Accurate Desire and Devotion is Missional

As objects of God’s desire and devotion, there is no need for self-concern

Life is not all about show, it’s about integrity

**1 Cor 13:4-7** Desire and Devotion is

Desire and Devotion: greatest benefit to relationship, to society

**God’s Desire and Devotion: creates, reveals, rejoices, grieves and disciplines**

**1 John 4:9-10**<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his Love

**L. Morris** Love depends on the nature of the lover

### **Operational definition**

- At the heart of the gospel lies the saving love of God in Christ.
- The supreme example of undeserved love is Christ’s death on the cross as a sacrifice for sin.
- God’s love is demonstrated in the cross and in calling believers.

### **A Higher calling:**

**We are the Object, the Recipients, Vessel of God’s Desire and Devotion**

**1John 4:11** since God so loved us, we love one another.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**<sup>14</sup> For Christ’s love compels us, those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him

Freed from a yoke of slavery

**Galatians 5:5-6** only faith expressing itself through love matters

**John 15:8-10** Father’s love for the Son and for us bears fruit

- Love can only be accurately implemented through the Spirit  
**Galatians 5:22**
- **Romans 13:8-10** continuing debt to love one another
- For Paul, love is never simply a self-attained virtue; it is the result for a transformed life filled with the Spirit of God
- The lack of love calls into question the presence of the Spirit in a person’s life and their relationship with God. Living according to the flesh or the spirit

### Love confronts:

**Proverbs 3:11-12** do not despise the LORD’s discipline,

**Mark 10:21-22** Rich young ruler:<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved

Boundaries of responsibility: Responsible to not for others

**Revelation 3:19-22**<sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.

**Colossians 3:12-14** Clothe yourselves Bear with each other and forgive one another And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

How is being created in the image of God impacting how you are demonstrating Devotion and Desire to God, Self and Others?