

You notice that the apostle doesn't say, in I Corinthians 13, here, "though I speak with the tongues of men~~and of angels~~ and of angels, and have not love to draw them, I become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal" that is not what he says. And the reason that he does not say that is because there is more truth ~~xxxxxxx~~ contained there in what he has given, than even this marvelous thought holds. I think it would be worth while to read the chapter through, putting in the word "love to God". "...do not have love to God, though I have all faith, though I give my body to be burned and have not love to God, it profiteth me nothing." If I love God I <sup>o</sup> don't sit down and say "Oh, how I love God" and then go and enjoy the good things He has done for me, and that's the end, ~~xxxx~~ "Love suffers long and is kind." Love to God will fill us with desire to serve Him, and will lead ~~x~~ us to make everything we do to count for Him. It's a love that works, or it's not a love at all. It's a love that accomplishes, it's determined to do everything possible for Him. But the apostle didn't even say "Love to God never fails". He said "love never fails". And I think the reason is that the Scripture makes clear that though the first and great commandment is love to God, that is not all. No one can fulfill this first and great commandment fully. Imagine that, purely theoretically, you could fulfill this ~~xxxx~~ first and great commandment, and did nothing about the second commandment, you would not fulfill God's desire, you would not have ~~xxx~~ sufficient love to be anything more than a clanging cymbal. Of course, it's not possible~~xxx~~ because if you have the true love to God, you will have the other. But it is important that we look at the other, and we know that ~~x~~ the love that is more important than even faith, than even effectiveness, more important even than knowledge, that that love is the love which is shown to God and also to all other Christians. ~~x~~

Now, I don't know at your stage whether it is easy to think of loving all other Christians or not. I don't know how far along you have come. But I will assure you that by the time you have gone ten years further it will be a very very difficult task. And probably by this time it is a