

I was impressed, when I was in seminary, to the fact that if you hear a man preach, and somebody says "Oh, I didn't like that illustration" and somebody else says, "Oh, I didn't like that voice" and somebody else says, "Oh, I don't like that mannerism he's got" ~~and~~ they spread these things which lead people to think less of the man, who ~~was~~ ^{is} a true Christian trying to advance the Word of God, ~~and~~ And then I went, and I heard a modernist preach, and he was a modernist who was tearing the Bible to pieces, ~~and~~ with a listless voice, and lovely phraseology, and I found true Christians hearing him disliking his ~~own~~ message, who neverthe less, thoughtlessly, we're spreading praise of the little things about him, in such a way to lead people to be attracted to this man, who was tearing the Word of God to pieces. And I resolved, then, that I would see to it that what I said about a minister, or a Christian worker, who were trying to teach God's Word, that I would put primary emphasis on ~~his~~ ^{their} loyalty to the Gospel. And it is ~~part~~ ^{part} of my duty to the Lord to do everything I can to help them increase the influence of everyone who is working for this cause, and not to do that which would increase the influence of those who are opposed to the true Gospel. God wants us to love all of the brethren. He wants us to love them; He wants us to have a feeling towards them of real, genuine, sincere love. They may have their faults, but to see them as God sees them. See them as those for whom Jesus died. See them with all their wickedness, with all their imperfections, with all that from which God is eventually going to save them, we should see them as He expects ~~us~~ them to be.

And so loving Christ, Who died for their sins, that we love those whom He loves, and that we find it not an irksome task, but we find it a joy, and a thrill to be in the company ~~of~~ of those for whom Jesus died. This is Jesus' commandment, that we love one another, and ~~for~~ for everyone who is a true child of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is His will that we should have an attitude of love. That love, which is more important, even, than faith, even than knowledge, even than an ability of any sort. That love