

building up the facilities wanting to build a great Gospel work there. And about 8 yrs. later the people were so disgusted with this minister. All the godly people had left this place. The children had gotten no message of truth whatsoever. I went and heard the man one evening and the Sun. evening sermon was on IRELAND AFTER 50 YEARS discussing political and economic developments in Ireland! An interesting historical lecture but no presentation of the Gospel whatever. The great Christian leader was so afraid he would not show a loving spirit toward a friend of his brother that he would not tell the facts which he know about the fact that that man was an enemy of the Gospel. As a result this woman wasted about a couple of hundred thousand dollars and the opportunity to use that place for a real Bible believer to build a real work for God was utterly lost!

There is true Christian love and there is nothing more important than that we have it, and that we love every individual and the best way we can show our love is to try to bring them to a knowledge of the Lord and try to get them saved. And we should love the many who need the Word of God and we show our love to them by showing our antagonism to those who are trying to keep the Word of God from them and trying to control of the institutions which should bring the Word of God to them.

God is love. Now abideth faith hope and love, these three and the greatest of these is love. These any many other verses like them are vital parts of the Word of God. We must not pass them by. We must give them their true place in our lives. But equally a part of the Bible are these statements, Do Not I Hate them O Lord that hate thee, and am I not grieved with those that rise up against thee. I hate them with perfect hatred. I count them my enemies. We must show first of all love to God and then love to God's people, and then love to all the world in our desire and effort that they may come to a knowledge of the truth. But we are not showing love to those who would be led astray if we do not oppose in every possible way those who lead them astray.

So we have these last two verses that are to be taken not only in connection with v.== with the first 18 vv. of the ch., but also with what precedes. "Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts; see if there be any wicked way in me." See If I'm letting personal resentment, personal antagonism enter in to my opposition to those who are enemies of God. See if I'm letting the way people treat me become the vital thing instead of the way they treat the Lord. See if I'm letting fear of somebody not liking what I say keep me from speaking out forthrightly and clearly in defense of the Word and against all those who would destroy it. "The"see if there be" is ~~not~~ in italics it is not in the original. I think it would be better to take the original just as it stands "and see the wicked ways that are in me" bring them to my attention so that I can bring them to the foot of the cross and ask the Lord to clear them out of my heart and help me to make progress in sanctification, and lead me in the way everlasting. Oh if you have any question whether you belong