

kind of kindness and generosity and you ignore knowledge that is better. He doesn't ^{mean} ~~say~~ that at all. It's ~~the~~ the attitude that is so prevalent in our society today. I've heard it said: Better to have 10 criminals escape than to have one man unjustly punished. Well, ^{of course} it ~~certainly~~ is true you should not unjustly punish men. We should not punish men who are not guilty. But you let 10 criminals escape and you have 100 innocent people killed. That's not love. That's not love at all. Love demands to stand for something. True love will seek to have true knowledge. It will seek to speak it with power. It will denounce evil and sin. It will stand for what is right. But the modernists use ^{this term} ~~it in~~ such a way that some of use have reacted against it.

I was for many years among people among whom if you would speak of love, they immediately thought you were soft; you were getting soft, you were getting off in a wrong direction. Well that's not honoring the Bible. It may be ^{that} the word is being misunderstood and if it is, being misused, but that's no reason not to see what it says and its tremendous tremendous importance. Paul says that all these gifts - the apostles, the teachers, the wonderful knowledge, the ability to advance Christianity - he says it is all absolutely worthless if you do not have love. So he stresses as opposed to all the gifts, he stresses this grace which is so tremendously important.

And that ties in with the subject we have spoken of no long ago. What are the things that are temporary and the things that are eternal? We are here in this life in order to develop ^{within} in ourselves certain qualities which God ~~has~~ desires to have developed and these can mostly be subsumed under this title of love. This title of a true relation ^{of love to} ~~to~~ God and ^{of} ~~love to~~ all of God's creatures, a situation in which one is truly concerned for the very best interests of all those involved. And ^{of course} it is not in concern for their best interests simply to let unbelief be widely spread, to let people be led astray, to let people be deprived of the opportunity to hear the Gospel. That is not love. That is substituting softness and weakness