

The Sign of Discipleship

Scripture: John 13:35

works and glorify your father which is in heaven.

- A. Modelling Christian love
- B. Being willing to be an example

Introduction

Jesus gave us a clear sign that others can use to judge the verity of our discipleship. The level of our discipleship may be gauged by the love that we show to each other.

I. Toward our mate

Ephesians 5:22, 25 Wives, submit yourselves unto your ~ husbands, as unto the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- A. The secret of submission
 - 1. Not surrender
 - 2. Voluntarily placing one's self subject to another
- B. The power of love
 - 1. Loving the wife as Christ loves the church
 - 2. Selfless love in action

II. Toward our family

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

- A. Children's responsibilities
 - 1. Obedience
 - 2. The reward for obedience
- B. Parent's responsibilities
 - 1. To not arbitrarily provoke to anger
 - 2. To rear children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord

III. Toward acquaintances and friends

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good