

Romans # 169

“Problems and Solutions”

Romans 12:17-18

Since God is the invisible object of our personal love for Him, we must see and love Him through His Word in our souls.

The rebellious believer doesn't love God because he's voluntarily under Satan's policy of evil and the immature believer doesn't love God because he lacks the biblical understanding to do so in his soul.

Personal love for God is the most difficult love of all because it takes consistency in the inhale and exhale of biblical truth.

Our only hope to avoid self-destruction is to understand and apply the plan of God and then, we can have unconditional impersonal love for other people, having real empathy for what they're going through.

In Christ, walking by the power of the Holy Spirit with processed biblical truth, we can treat everyone from the same mindset Jesus had with the two pillars of the Christian life; having the only true lasting antidote to self-absorption, being conformed to this world.

When people disappoint, betray or hurt us, we should not react in bitterness, trying to gain justice instead of leaving it in the Lord's hands.

If we don't understand grace, we'll never understand love; as an automobile runs on gas or diesel, love runs on grace.

Anyone who substitutes pleasure, emotion or sentimentality for love, doesn't understand what love is. **Solutions are best understood when problems are defined, so until we can define our problems, we can't apply a solution.**

7 CATEGORICAL PROBLEMS: 1. Distraction caused by self and others 2. Fear, worry, anxiety 3. Rejection 4. Death 5. Timing 6. Promises without integrity 7. Sin nature trends.

4 FUNCTIONAL PROBLEMS: 1. *We place our relationships with people over our relationship with God* 2. *We attempt to execute God's plan with human power rather than God's power* 3. *Our ignorance of biblical love results in failure to obey divine commands regarding love* 4. *Our failure to process biblical truth is our malfunction of post-salvation rehabilitation.*

Fragmentation is collapse or breakdown of our motives, thoughts, standards or behavior patterns and it's a major distraction.

When the believer pulls the pin of his grenade by his own free-will, he usually blames someone else, so it's always someone else's fault.