Do We Love the Lord More?

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs." (John 20:15, as printed; the passage is John 21:15.)

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN OUR KINSMEN? If we do, we will not let them keep us from obeying the gospel. We will be willing to leave the religion they have accepted if it is proven wrong. We will not let them keep us from attending the services of the Lord's church. Remember, Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." (Matt. 10:37)

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN MONEY? If we do, we will not make the heaping of riches the chief object of our living. We will give liberally of our means to the Lord. (2 Cor. 8:1–5) Remember, the Lord said, "For the love of money is the root of all evil." (2 Tim. 6:10)

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN PLEASURE? If we do, we will not engage in that which is forbidden, that which will hurt our influence for Christ. Remember, the Lord, in speaking of perilous times, said men shall be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (2 Tim. 3:1–4)

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN THE PRAISE OF MEN? If we do, we will be willing to stand for the Lord and the right, though we must stand alone. (2 Tim. 4:16, 17) The Pharisees "did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (John 12:42, 43)

The Lord should be the supreme object of our affection. (Matt. 22:37) May we learn to sing, and mean it, "More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!"

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