

Confusing Texts



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"The Pastor keeps referring to
'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

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Ways to

Love - 1. *Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)*

2. *Answer without arguing (Pro. 17:1)*

3. *Listen without interrupting. (Pro. 18:13)*

4. *Give without sparing (Pro. 21:26)*

5. *Trust without wavering (1Cor. 13:7)*

6. *Share without pretending. Eph. 4:15)*

7. *Enjoy without complaint. Ph:2:14)*

8. *Pray without ceasing (Col.1:9)*

9. *Forgive without punishing. (Col.3:13)*

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Out of Touch?

Are we sometimes too comfortable, consumed in our own situation to see or understand the reality of others? It's not easy - sometimes we have to (physically) be in situations to know someone else's plight, the depth of despair and the hurt that exists.

While we need and want money, it does not always solve the problem. Just reaching out to someone and having an honest, heartfelt conversation - not on our terms, but with a listening and understanding ear to know what's going on, and helping in a physical way when possible can go a long way.

We often bypass the hospitality issue, that kindness, the unsolicited help, that need we see or know exists, because there are occasions that we do know.

If we don't want to visit, (even though a face to face meeting is crucial), we don't have any excuse in this technological age. A phone call or text message can go a long way.

We often talk about expressing love, but what about the other side of that, not hate, but indifference. It's like others do not exist, even though they are present. One can often feel if they are appreciated or accepted in a group.

How can we be in touch with the realities that exist? It begins with self denial. Ask yourself how you can reach out to someone today, not only in a time of need, but as a part of the family.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord you are serving.

Lord, help us to see others as you see us.



