

“Not I But Christ: Intercessory Love”
Galatians 6:1-5; Proverbs 27:5-6

Cultural Love: feeling/desire

Christian Love: choice/gift

Loving Confrontation/Reproof Is Very Christ-like – Rev 3:19

- Three General Passages:

...Matt 7:1-5 - We are to judge with a view to help/build up, not harm/tear down - II Cor 12:19; 13:10
(It is not our judgment that helps, its our ability to see clearly – Matt 7:5)

...Ga 6:1-5 - We confront in order to restore not distress

...Matt 18:15-17 - We reprove what is inconsistent with the character of Christ – Col 3:17
(In order to win the brother, not the argument – Matt 18:15)

Giving and Receiving Correction/ Reproof:

- Receiving Reproof: - Prov 17:10

...give thanks – Eph 5:20 (tunes and turns us to God)

...respond humbly – Phil 2:3,4; Ja 1:19 (don't defend, excuse, rationalize)

...take it to Christ – I Cor 2:15; 4:4; Col 3:1-2 (Is this true?)

...confess the truth – Eph 4:15; Ja 5:16 (if it's not true, seek a mediator)

...offer to help clean up the mess – Lk 19:8

- Giving Reproof: - Prov 28:23; Amos 5:10; Ga 6:1

...first submit to the Holy Spirit – Eph 5:18; Ga 5:22-23; 6:1 (take a “fruit” basket!)

...be compelled by Love – II Cor 5:14 (God's love cannot be used by evil)

...speak to the “new man” – II Cor 5:17; Eph 4:20-24 (don't just fuss at the “old man”)

...compassionately use Scripture – II Tim 3:16-17 (not for vindication, but for reconciliation!)

...offer to help clean up the mess – Eph 4:29 (deal with the “need of the moment”)

(Proverbs 1:23-33; 9:8; 10:17; 12:1; 13:18; 15:31-32; 18:13; 19:25; 27:5-6; 28:23)