

.. (13½) from the thinking of any human object or human desire.

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... Christ brought it out in Luke 14:26. He made a very strange statement. Jesus said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Now this is a figurative statement. If it is not divided it contradicts itself. The Bible says we are to love and honor our parents. The Bible says we are to love our wives and our children, ~~but~~ our brethren and our sisters. But this says, if a man come to me and hate not his father and his mother, his wife, his children, and his brethren and sisters, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. It is very evident that what Jesus means is this: That you should love your father and mother; you should love your wife and your children; your brothers and your sisters; you should love them and if you're human, you do love them. But the love that you bear to them in comparison with the love you have for God, toward the Lord Jesus Christ, is so - the love for Christ is so great in comparison with this human love that in comparison with it, the human love is ~~but~~ almost like hate. That is what it means, very definitely, because otherwise the Scripture would contradict itself, which it does not do. He ~~is~~ doesn't mean to hate these people, but He means think of the love you have for them and if you're human you have a great deal of love to some of them at least. Think of that. And then compare that as if it were hate and you get a picture of the love that you should have to the Lord.

Love the Lord God with all your heart, and all your soul and all your might. Now, how can you love the Lord in that way? Does anyone of us love the Lord in that way? There is no one in this life who does. But it is a commandment, it is what we are to do, and if we do not have that type of love, ~~then~~ all our activities are worth nothing. Well, then it is important that we love.....(3) It is important to learn to understand God's Word and to know His truth, it is important that we develop faith, but surely