

Christian and His Attitudes # 2

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We just pray...Heavenly Father again we come into Your Presence again, by means of prayer...through our intercessor, Jesus, who lives and abides for us continually...the High Priest...saluted as Melchisedec. We know that He who was revealed to us and made Himself known in this last day now is with us...so we...as it were...are doubly fortunate...realizing what a great hour we are living in and not only that but...how great Lord is Your Word and Your ministry to us at this moment. So if that...we ask anything concerning Your will...we know that you hear us. We know we have the petition therefore we desire of you which is that You Yourself would break the Word to us...bring our hearts and minds...very low...Father so that there would be no danger of any other control but Yours. We give ourselves unreserved in Your hands...therefore in Jesus Name...Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now last week...last Sunday morning we were taking the attitudes and behavior of Christians and we were looking at one that seems to be tremendously vital in this hour where it says..."Agree with thine adversary very quickly whilst thou art in the way with him...lest at any time the adversary deliver you to the judge deliver thee to the officer and thou be cast into prison." And we saw that this is not really a corrupt court and an immoral nation...but it is the Word of the Lord in admonition...to us...that there will always be problems in the Church because people are people and we learned the most important thing is to get our spirits under control and to get good attitudes...because this Scripture actually refers to a misdemeanor or a confrontation over understanding the Word. Now you can apply this just about in any way you wish to apply it...and what I mean by that is...that there something legitimate has come within the Church.

2. Now...what if there is misdemeanor? Well it is the same thing as a confrontation over what the Word says. You know...Bro.Branham brought us a vindicated Word. Now there is no doubt about it. We saw that in the meaning of what..."Thus Sayeth the Lord is." And anybody who doubts it...I would feel needs to...take some time for pray and fasting or something. Because as Bro. Branham brought out his own interpretation of the Pillar of Fire over here...he said that the eye of the camera caught it and science cannot now deny it...and that is right...it has been proven. Well when you realize that the message has been proven...authenticated by God...to be the interpretation of the Word...as Bro. Branham said, "The same Spirit that brought is now here to interpret it." And by Gods grace we have the perfect revelation of that Word at this hour.

3. Well now...it is strange but even with this tremendous vindication of this message it is a fact that you can hear Bro. Branham and I can hear Bro. Branham and we will draw different conclusions. Now that is just factual...you will draw a different conclusion. One reason is because you are trained in your spiritual thinking already and if you have

been trained in a certain way to understand certain Scripture then it is very difficult to jog your mind and to realize that Bro. Branham was not speaking in ordinary...well terms of what modern day theology is. I came to that conclusion happily quite a time before he died. So it isn't too difficult to stand back and wonder...am I hearing him according to my understanding or am I hearing him according to his understanding and that is really what you have got to do...is to just listen to what he is saying and try to put your own thinking aside. That is difficult.

4. Now because it is...we have this problem amongst us where we are...not at odds with each other...temperamentally...although I got my tongue in my cheek when I say that, don't worry...hopefully we're not. We are at odds and sometimes it is temperamental... it is little personal things, rather than that which is judicial and something that is really meaningful, but we have schisms amongst us...over the Word... now how are we to conduct ourselves over those schisms which sometimes take a **whole...lot...more...meaning** than that which is over a moral situation.

5. Now Bro. Branham brought us to the point...if we would only listen to him... where he says, even concerning a man that just simply never did see this message...to see Bro. Branham in the light of, "Thus Sayeth the Lord," and the vindication...he said concerning that Brother, "he believes this message just as much as we do." Bro. Branham was not lying...the man did. In other words, I believe Bro. Branham was telling us...that fellow was just as strong in his faith as we are in ours. Now what do you do? Take clubs and annihilate each other? No! He said if your eating cherry pie and you run across a pit...that's kind of hard on the tooth...you know...a little jar on the skull... what do you do? You don't throw the pie away...you just spit the pit out and keep eating. If you are eating chicken...you don't throw the chicken away...you just eat carefully around the bones and put the bones to one side.

6. Now...I see here...what we need...is a proper spirit, which I been talking about it last Sunday...is to get the right attitude toward our brethren so that we realize...they're fighting for their lives the same as we are fighting for ours...and this being a democracy...people have every right to believe the way they feel led, but we have one bad problem and that is that people who would go along with this statement I have made still continue to bore in. Now that is bad. If we give a reason of our hope and can sit down and look at this message in many, many facets, which we should be able to do. It should not separate us...and the reason the separation is there is because somebody won't back up. And the people that won't back up...feel if they do back up they are betraying the message. But how come Bro. Branham could say...well you could be right...I could be wrong...tape after tape...oh you could be right...I could be wrong. Knowing he was right. Now that spirit that stands up and fusses is absolutely diabolical...I don't I don't care how right I am or you are right...you and I have ceased to be right when the spirit is wrong. Because I'll tell you why...I may never get to preaching but that is all right. I want to illustrate...I got a hand here...it's got a little power...not much...getting too old but if you were in a river and hanging on to a little branch and the currant was swift and you could drown and I could put my hand out and take like this and pull you up and go wack...right on the face...there is no difference in the strength applied...it was the

attitude and the motive. Now...all power is of God...and I don't care if the devil has got it...all power is still of God...it depends on how you use it and for what reason...or if there is any spirit amongst us that would attempt to make ourselves right and separate...that spirit is not of God or I don't know what the prophet had for a spirit.

7. I'm just going to clear the air as far as I am concerned...if you've got it or if I've got that spirit that is not the same as the prophets in bringing this message then there is something wrong. Now that is what I tried to make clear last Sunday...there has got to be an understanding spirit. I will go to any Church...unless they get too rough in their doctrine...I'll go to any Church and preach and not cut across their doctrine...on purpose...cause I have not been set in the Church to be a guide to anybody. No siree...the best I can do is beep my little signals and walk off. Now if there is gross immorality...that's a different thing but it is very strange if there are those that would look upon immorality and wink at it as long as the person went along with their ideas of understanding. If that's not organization and Babylon...I've never heard of it.

8. So...get the right mind toward the individual and that is...he is a Brother...he may not believe what I believe but that's all right...we're both eating chicken...we're both eating cherry pie...we're both brethren. See...and that's not hard to do as long as the person is not obstreperous. If he becomes malicious and a liar...then you better watch him because I have discovered this, and perhaps if I wait long enough I will find Scripture for it...I know every word has got to have clothing...every word has got to take a form on it. If there was a word called spoon and no spoon, then there would be no word called spoon...there just wouldn't be. So when I find people lying...then I couldn't believe their doctrine any more than I would try to fly to the moon...I'm sorry, but there has got to be a form for everything...just like spiritual fornication has got to have a physical...trace it back in the Bible as wrong doctrine...and Bro. Branham said a lie is nothing but the truth perverted. Then if you see a fellow lying about a lot of things...you better believe there is something perverted back there...you got to trace it back would be a truth...which would be a wrong thing...see?

9. But we have to look at all these things...yet maintain a right spirit and the right spirit is always keeping the door open and never saying...never. Now that's one thing I've learned. If there is one thing I've learned...I'll say never...I said unless the Lord changes my mind...now if the Lord changes my mind, I'm open for it...then you see it is not never...but you see if the Lord doesn't then it could be never. But the door must be kept open and there must always be a right mind, no matter what has been done. You've got to keep a right mind and the right mind, of course, is remembering that we ourselves are fallible...there isn't one of us who couldn't be a sinner or a bigger sinner in the realm of that individual sin than the person we are condemning and we see that in the light of the Apostle Paul who thought he was just about the finest man living when he was actually killing the very Bride of Jesus Christ. That is why he called himself a chief sinner, because he was doing that terrible thing.

10. So there is nobody who is too far gone that the door cannot be kept open to and a right attitude maintained in our own mind...especially in wonderment as to why, a person

would do certain things. Now here is where Bro. Branham was task master, course, I realized being a prophet he was in a far superior bracket than you and I ever will be as far this life is concerned. But he always kept his heart open to put himself in that fellow's shoes and look to see why the person did it. Then he could...with honesty and integrity be rougher on a little so called sin than what looked to be a bigger sin...because he was watching the motive...watching why people did certain things.

11. So when we see something come up which is legitimate and this is based on legitimacy, not...think so and some little silly thing amongst us...make up stuff but something that is in our midst and it is a moral thing or it is something to do with the Word and differences we must always realize that we have got to have a right mind...gear ourselves down...get a right spirit, and learn to look at it...if possible in the light of the other persons understanding.

12. Then the next thing is not separate ourselves. That's usually what comes when there is something that goes wrong...a spirit of separation gets in. Now there is only one spirit of separation and that is from the world unto the Lord. But soon as we get with the Lord...it seems that we now become critics of the highest order...judging before the time and thereby we move ourselves asunder...and that is not right. Because the Scripture warns us to restore.

13. You know...I've been involved in...OHHHH...different...things in the Church which have even to do with even immorality...and I want to tell you...I've looked for the Church that had thee...gracious spirit to restore and I haven't found it. Sorry about that...I wish I could come and say Bro. Vayle travels around...maybe I should travel more...yeh I guess I really should...fifty-two weeks out of the year...hit about two Churches per week and I would hit a hundred and four Churches in a year and that would pretty well cover everything in two years in America and I could come back and say...well I found or haven't found. Well the little traveling I have done and I haven't found the Church that's willing to restore.

14. Now I want to know what is wrong with our hearts. You say, "Well...Bro. Vayle...we look at that sin as though we can't trust the person anymore." Then you have put yourself above God...and so have I. Something is wrong somewhere and it simply lies in the spirit. There has got to be that. Now I'm not saying you shouldn't be couscous. Like one fellow said, "If the dog bites me that is the dogs fault and if the dog bites me again...that's my fault." True...true, you know...you know, you're not a bunch of dummies. You know in the Bible it says that love believeth all things...you say, "well I believe the moons made of green cheese and that a five dollar bill is worth twenty-five dollars...I mean...nobody asked you to be a nut." But what it is trying to say right here...love believeth all things...that love puts itself in a position that never gives up and keeps looking to help...but not become foolish in doing it.

15. So... we're looking around to see...that we'll be able to...in the future hopefully... come to positions of restoration and reconciliation and faith that the person is going to come to this level that the Scripture demands of him and we ourselves are

hopeful that we are arriving in also. So...we don't want to separate...get the right mind...don't separate and of course there is reconciliation and there is reconciliation you wouldn't separate and then if there is reconciliation there would be attitudes of forgiveness. Which would be divine and remember that Paul the Apostle...Bro. Branham said the same thing...that there is none of us that can forgive...it has got to be the spirit of Christ in us...so just get yourself off the hook right now and don't try to forgive...just let God in you have His way. Because you and I are not going to get to first base. So we saw that last Sunday.

16. Now...there is one point I didn't cover and I want to try to get this across in a way that doesn't erase and eradicate everything I have said. But what do you do when you come across a situation where a person is pressing all the time and you got to admit the guy has rights and the other person has rights and yet there is a conflict where one is pressing. Well...that is something in the spiritual realm...there is something wrong with the man's spirit. Now...I just can't say too much or I would give away everything I'm talking about here and I don't intend to...we would name names and that wouldn't be nice but what would you do about a person who pressed...and the pressing was legitimate in the sense of something mechanical but illegitimate in the sense of the person demanding it when he should have backed away. Now what do you do? Well I'll tell you what happened. This came up in the Prophets life and he said to this brother...by the grace of God I will never mention your name again. You see...because the church and nobody could do anything. Somebody has to finally turn back and walk away and say...look...I'm sorry. We simply can't keep this up. I'm not going to abuse myself any longer and your not going to abuse me any longer but by the grace of God...it's quit. You say, "What's, what's happened? It's been turned over to God. And the man with the wrong attitude will pay a price and the man with the right attitude will be blessed of God. Now I hope that little illustration hasn't hurt you. I hope that it helps you...because...look...as long as we're this side of the resurrection, we don't know what people are going to do...see?

17. A woman tried to trap me one time and she said Bro. Vayle, "What would you do...she...because her husband committed adultery on her...ah she said what would you do if your wife committed adultery on you? Well what would my wife do if I committed it on her of course? But the question was...what would I do...being a preacher...and she asked me and I said, "I don't know." Because I know my nature but by the grace of God, I hope, and boy that's a mighty big hope, that I might just do the right thing.

18. Now look...see...we just keep showing you here...you get under a wrong spirit and I don't care how right you and I are we have ceased to be right that very minute. Ceased to be right. Because you see it was the Holy Spirit that brought the Word and He would have to have a right motive with the Word, which is mechanical. Now the Bible [says to] inculcate in ourselves the right and true spirit and if we have the right and true spirit I believe we can meet any issue within the church and it will come out beautiful. But if we have the wrong spirit I don't care what is done, it will backfire...see? So that was the important thing about last weeks message. To get ourselves lined up with the

right spirit...the right attitude and then God will begin to work it out for us. Otherwise it will never ever work, no matter what.

19. Now we're going to continue concerning the Christian and His Attitude's and we'll take another Scripture, which is also in Matthew but I won't quote it just at this moment, and before I read it and take up this portion, I want to repeat what I said on many, many occasions and that is...as far as I know, and I think I know pretty far in this respect, that there is no true basic law of psychology that is not found in the Bible. Now the psychologist and the psychiatrist help us to understand ourselves. They help us to bring out what is in us to see where we went wrong and the only way anybody can be wrong is when a law is broken. Now if there is no law there and that law is broken, then of course, how can anything be wrong? But there has got to be something off center, something missing, or something in conflict. Now if it's something like that...then, of course, things will happen in our lives that will be bad, and we don't like them. But I find...by studying... myself, that there is no definitive law, psychologically...no definitive law in human nature but what is already in the Bible. You will find it somewhere if you look for it. And one of the greatest is over in Matthew 6:19-21.

Matthew 6:19-21

- (19) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt and where thieves break through and steal.
- (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust does corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal.
- (20) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

20. Now...Doctor Crain...one of the great Christian psychologist and psychiatrist said, "Go through the motion and the corresponding emotions will come." Go through the motion...a law of psychology...go through the motion and the corresponding emotions will come. And he said this to every family that is in difficulty...especially to those whose marriages are fading...loosing out and even on the rocks. Because to every person who says the old original love and joy of marriage is gone...he replies...act as you first did...when you first courted, fell in love married act as you first did, no matter how you feel, whether you even hate to do it, embarrassed, everything else...do it. And the old will renew itself as great or greater than ever. Now...that's what he said, which is go through the motions and the heart will catch up.

21. Now I know that people will say "Well I'd feel like a hypocrite, I'd feel like an idiot." Well you are one already so don't feel bad if you feel it. Because you are not a hypocrite if you have a genuine goal in sight. Now I'm going to read it again and tell you.

- (19) Lay not up for yourselves treasures here upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt and where thieves break through and steal.
- (20) But lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt. And where thieves do not break through nor steal.
- (21) For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

Now you notice what it said...it says the heart follows what you are laying up...as important...what you are doing. Now lay up treasure in heaven. A person says, "Well I don't feel like it." There is something missing in the spiritual...there is something missing in the emotional...there is something missing in the mental...there is something missing in the ego...the psychic. All right...do what the Bible said...do it anyway. Do it anyway with the understanding that there is a guarantee that what you lay up...the heart will then begin to fall in line with...the ego...the emotions...the psychic...the whole person will begin a new concept...a new relationship...a new life, if you begin to do certain things. Many people have no great desire for heaven...they have no great desire for what is to come and the reason is, because they haven't laid up toward it.

Now you know Bro. Branham told the old story, which is very famous about a man who was...actually this came from France, where a Catholic Bishop one day went to visit a prisoner and the man was boasting, what a great fortune he had made. He said, "I want you to look North Bishop...as far as your eye can see...that's my land." He said, "look to the West as far as your eye can see...look to the East...and look to the North as far as your eye can see...that's my land." And the man had great prosperity...he had worked hard...been skillful, even the little towns and village belonged to him. He was so mighty. And finally the Bishop said, "Sir...I want you to look up...how much do you own up there?" And the fellow said, "Nothing." He said, "That's your trouble."

22. Now that is what the Scripture shows here...that if a person wants to enjoy...to love...to be motivated...then there is a way to do it. When that emotional aspect and motivation is not there...start doing something because it is right. And it hasn't got a thing to do about your feelings. In fact the Bible condemns working on feelings. Instead if a person comes by and he is poor and doesn't have clothing and all...it don't get a big smile on your face...pat the guy on the back and say, "Now God bless you buddy...you go down the road and I'll pray for you." The Bible says, "You rotten hypocrite." Your prayers aren't worth a plug nickel...they don't even go past your nose. If you had enough brains you wouldn't have even said it. It said...give the man something...do something for him...see? Not saying you should put your prayers on legs, that's fine...you can put your prayers on legs if you want. Sometimes you haven't got any legs to put your prayers on. We're not just saying that. We're saying where the Word of the Lord is...and that Word is remedial...because now you are on God's level and God's plane by utilizing that Word. It doesn't have one thing to do with what you think about it.

23. That's where this Message went haywire to the people. They began thinking about it...what their Creeds and Dogmas say and their preachers said. If they would just stop thinking and looked at the Message and do what the Prophet said...they would have

been a million miles down the road towards restoration and recovery. No...what your thoughts and my thoughts have to do with the 'Word' is nil...except to agree with it and start putting it into practice here. So...the doctor was completely right. He said...you start building up your marriage...in other words you start doing those things that you know to do...that you used to do, you just do them and pretty soon the heart will have a complete change. The heart will have complete new life. It's what the doctors tell us. They say there is no such thing as breaking an old habit...you build new ones. And that's true...you reprogram your life. And so you take these computer lives of ours and you reprogram them by deliberately doing those things that you know should be there and they're being missed...because of personality conflict or something is broken down. You can rebuild it by doing that which the Scripture tells you to do. Let's go back and just see this marriage affair a little bit, in the book of Ecclesiastes...this is Scripture here is very nice Scripture...I like it very much myself. And it says here in verse 9.

Ecclesiastes 9:9

- (9) Live joyfully (or enjoy life) with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity; for that is your portion in this life, and in your labor which you take under the sun.

Now...it says...repeating, "Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of thy vanity." Now of course, vanity here could be where a person doesn't have much experience, where he actually has not come under the discipline of life, but it's been a good life...he's loved it...he's enjoyed it. And the Scripture says here that, that is what we are to do. There is a command there. Many a person says, "Well I don't know if I can actually live with my wife or my husband." You are wrong. I know Bro. Branham said, some of you...he said, "You couldn't live with each other and so therefore if you separated I wouldn't have you go back." That's true and yet it's not true. Did the people follow the Word of God? The answer is "NO". Under human instrumentality, there could be few marriages really exist, but under God, there shouldn't be one marriage that falls apart. And if anybody places himself under the Word...there is a command promised here and the command is...go ahead and live as you are and be happy about it.

24. An old fellow was once on the Art Linkletter program and he was about the most jovial fellow you ever saw, way up in his eighties. He was a joy to behold and Art said, "How in the world he said, why are you so happy?" He said, "It is just a matter of wanting to be. I find I can be happy or not happy...I choose to be happy." You see!

25. Now I realize it would take two people to tango as they say. It takes two people to really make a go of it. Well I'm talking this morning to Christians so therefore I trust your all married in Christ. But here is the truth...and we find many marriages even in this Message, where there happens to be great flaws and the marriage is not doing too well and the trouble is...the people aren't working at it. See...that's the whole thing. They're not laying up treasure...they're not doing those things where the heart can follow. They're all the time hoping that the heart will set up a condition and then things

will begin to brighten. Well...that's simply "Attitude" and the attitude is if you're right toward God, you will do what the Word of God says, and you will begin to make your marriage a whole lot more successful than it ever was before. Galatians 6:9 brings this out.

Galatians 6:9

(9) Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

26. Now the Bible says here there has got to be a sewing but remember people got there eyes on the harvest but the Bible doesn't say one sewing brings a harvest. The Bible says sewing and sewing and sewing and sewing and sewing and it just may be the last time you sew because it would be really...that's the time you get the harvest. And if you don't get a harvest you got to keep on sewing because it says right there your heart will follow. And I've seen some marriages where one side of the family was absolutely beautiful and and the other wasn't worth a plug nickel. And I'll tell you how it was...is because somebody applied himself or herself in that marriage. It's like one person said, "There is never a fight until the second blow is struck." And that's exactly true. That's why the Bible says to turn the other cheek so you're not the one that takes the blow...you know...gives the blow back...you know.

27. So therefore we see in Scripture here that Doctor Crain is right when he said, "Go through the motion, and the corresponding emotions will come." In other words there must be a heart set. Do I want to make a go of it? Do I want to have the life that I believed I was going to have? And the answer is...when people decide to make a go of hey can make a go of it and it is not merely sticking together for the kid's sake. How often you hear that. Then the psychologist comes along and says, "It's better you two fighting leave and pull apart and let the kids go someplace else to get love and affection because all you can do is fuss at each other. See?

28. Well there is no rebuilding a marriage under those conditions...there is no laying up treasure. There has got to be that laying up of the treasure of the heart will follow. Then have to...if the Bible gives us a Word of Command promise on it...I like the command promises best of all. Because that means if you do, God sure to answer. You got your hands on something if you understand. Then God will help you.

29. So...none of us therefore require a passionate motivation or feeling or a gift or special dispensation to bring back into the Church love, but an understanding mind concerning the Scriptures. Now we're going from marriage in the home to marriage in the Church as the Bride of Jesus Christ. So...while people are bemusing themselves...befuddling themselves, waiting for this momentous dynamism to come down, which we often speak of...Christ's Love Capstoning the Bride, and everybody hanging around and not going through the motion. Well I got news for you...I don't think it is going to come

down...at least on the people...that think they can go on a certain way and do what they want and not lay up for it. We will go to Ephesians the 5th Chapter...25th verse.

Ephesians 5:25

- (25) Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it.

Now we see in here the Church and Christ as husband and wife. Now remember...Christ Himself being perfect. That leaves the woman imperfect...that leaves the Church imperfect. Now...we want to find one place where Christ has not laid up for the Church. There is not one single place or time where Christ has not laid up for the Church. Therefore it's the Church time to begin to seek out to properly do those things amongst themselves that will cause the love of Christ to sweep into the Church.

30 Now...as far as I see the Scripture here this morning...it is not love that brings the act in this case...the act that brings the love renewed and better than ever and more enduring because it is built upon the Word. You see? We're looking for 'love' to do something. We're all the time looking for something as though God is going to give us something more...whereby...then something special is going to happen. And that's not true as I see the Scripture this morning. And it is not true as far as I understand what Bro. Branham said. Because when he spoke of that Spirit of Love amongst us, which would put the gifts on the shelf as it where...didn't say they would be on the shelf ...said, "as it where." He was speaking about the people themselves...see. And as I showed you here, I'm sure, oh maybe about sixteen or eighteen months ago...talking about the wittiness to the resurrection...every time Bro. Branham mentioned there would be gifts of the Spirit in that room...it was always contingent to a need of somebody. Like...Sister Brown, you live too near the railroad track and if you stay there...well the old train is going to come through wreck your house. And then here is a Brother that needed some kind of betterment and the reason he wasn't getting it was because there was something in his life that shouldn't be there. Now along come the Word of the Lord and ministry and it brings out what is necessary.

31. Well...what I'm trying to show you here is that God Almighty in His Spirit is trying do people good, so therefore there ought to be a watchful eye, because of the Eagle Eye...the Shepard Eye...of the Holy Spirit is amongst us and know really...then...that same thing ought to be in us where we have an eagle eye and a Shepard eye for each other. For the Bible said, "Look not on your own good...but on each other." Well that doesn't mean I'm going to be looking to see if I can grab somebody from this fellow...he will try to grab from me...it means...**I'm looking out for you.** See? Trying to help each other.

32. So what we need is a militant campaign of good deeds amongst us now to bring the Love of God sweep in the message. That's what I can't stand and I repeated all this

hogwash I've seen amongst the five-fold ministry. And I'm part of the five-fold. **I abhor what goes on.** If they can jerk you this way and jerk you that way that's doing God a favor. **Why can't they come in and do you a favor.** Instead of trying to get a bunch of satellites around about and make some pretense out of it. Brother/Sister let me tell you flat...he that is greatest of all...**is servant of all.** See? There ought to be a campaign amongst us...not to rend or to tare but to serve and to help. Because let me tell you...if I make a show in your flesh, I'm shot. I better make a show in my own flesh, which means to come on down and become a servant and to betterment of somebody. See? Now we are just going to nail the thing the way it is, and if you think different...the Lord bless you...you see what you want to see. I'm trying to get as clear a picture as I can in order to help you this morning to see that if you're simply looking for Christ's Love to come on down and make a great big climax and you and I are not in obedience to God's Word and laying up those treasures...I believe it is going to pass right over to somebody else.

33. Bro. Branham always talked of the little old washerwoman with one or three tapes. Why? Because she was a picture of perfect servant...a picture of humility and of abnegation, [A giving up of rights...self denial...renunciation], where she could just wash over her old tub and try to help somebody. That's why he always said the woman has a tremendous ministry...she ministers to her husband and serving him. But too many got a grandiose idea of...give me gifts...do this oh God, some great tremendous thing in the midst of you...hallelujah! **Hallelujah my foot.** You will be as lean a soul as anybody ever was. It's to get in there and realize the things that should be done and do them. In other words, start looking around and say, "Oh God what can I do to lift somebody up." What can I do to say a kind word...what can I do to encourage somebody...what can I do for this situation here? Lord make me aware...begin laying up. You say, "I don't feel like it." It has nothing to do with feelings. In fact it is like paying income tax...if anything, I've got a **feeling** against it, but I got to do it. There is no way to get out of it. Oh I suppose if I fought hard enough...but I'd end up a mess anyway, wasting all my strength. Why waist your strength, against a stacked deck of cards, or a system like we got? The thing to do is to cooperate...see? That's what the Bible said. It said, "Don't resist evil." It said start doing some good thing. Now we are not saying there is evil in the Church...we are just saying that what we want is the love of God sweeping in our midst...and I believe it will come by a militant campaign of good deeds. As Bro. Branham said, "Say good things." That's how the woman got the devil cast out of her daughter. Say good things, that's true. A militant campaign of building up people, see?

34. Helping...that's what exhorter is. Did you know there was an exhorter in the second chapter of the Book of Romans? What is an exhorter? He is a man that draws near...draw near to what? To Christ...by coming in...like a fresh breeze...like a warm breeze on a cold day and a cool breeze on a hot day. Like a hot drink on a winter day and a cool drink on a summer day. In other words he is a man that's got answers by the Word to lift and to build you up, you see? And I'm telling you, a man that is a builder upper will never be a tarer downer. Because you see, you can't exert the same strength at the same time in two different directions. As I said, my fist can go whop and hit that guy in

the nose to destroy him or that same fist can grab him by the hand and give him a little pull. Depends on what you got on your mind, see? Just like when I...I know you know this story, it's right on the tape...Bro. Branham mentions Ernie Fandler. Poor old Ernie was having trouble with his wife and he knew she had a devil and I suppose everybody else did, right at the time he got through, but I don't know the people that knew him when she had a devil. But anyway Bro. Branham said, "Well I can tell you how to cast the devil out of her and Ernie got real excited and said, "Yes sir...just tell me how Bro. Branham. "Well," he said, "I'll tell you what to do Ernie...he said...next time you go home, you just buy about a 5 pound box of the best chocolates and a big bouquet of roses and knock on the door and when she comes to the door and opens the door just give her the candy and the roses and grab her in your arms and kiss her...he said...he said that will drive the devil out of her. Course she might have got real suspicious for a while. That's OK...I think woman like that kind of suspicion. After a while they get used to it. After a while he gets used to it. Pretty soon they love each other again. See...that's what we find here. Now...Paul brings this to our attention also...what we are talking about in Philippians the 2nd chapter 1-4.

Philippians 2:1-4

- (1) If there be therefore any consolation in Christ (There sure is) if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies.
- (2) Fulfill you my joy, that you be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Now he tells you that.)
- (3) Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- (4) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

35. Now...that's what I said a while ago...Paul lays it down very flat, see? He wants us to understand that. Begin looking out for your brother, see. Begin seeing what can be done. Now I know that this is not a habit in this present world, because it's Laodacia, see...grab while the grabbing is good...get while the getting is good...everybody make a million, see. Even Churches want to grab converts. Converts to what? To Satan's kingdom not to the Almighty Word of God. But to begin looking for the good of somebody else. We read over here in Galatians the 6th chapter the 10th verse. Well I didn't read it...here it is.

Galatians 6:10

- (10) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith.

36. How often...through carelessness, we miss opportunities to do nice things for people. You know...it is not enough to admire people to do a nice thing. I don't know about you...but I'm sure that...that well I'm sure that you're a lot like me in this respect...you got friends that remember your birthday and your anniversary. Why...I don't know...I wouldn't...but I should. I really do know...because they care. You know the old hallmark card says, "You get the very best because you care." Well what about us as Christians? You know sometimes a card could make the difference. A note could save a suicide. A kind word could stop a person that's regressing and going down hill.

37. What would I have given years ago, when I first became a preacher, that people would have helped me? But I have learned a lesson in that. I don't say that I've done this all the time but when ministers, at least some that I know are leaving their job and they're going to go preaching. The first thing I would try to do is to send them a good some of money [to or through] some Church. In order to encourage them down the road somewhere. To let them know right off the bat that God is faithful. Because look...God is faithful to you and me not to somebody else. God is not going to open the heavens and rain down carloads of wheat. You know...remember back in the days of Elijah...was prophesied by a prophet...that as there was scarcity there would be plenty. And the man said, "Well if God opened the windows of heaven...he said...and let it rain down we might have that." **Well God did not open the windows of heaven and let it rain down.** But there was piles of wheat and oats and barley and everything the people had need of and God saw to it that what man had put his hand to by raising, what man had labored... Israel got it. And the same thing holds today. Somebody's got to labor a little harder to help somebody else. Somebody's got to work a little more in order to get more to help. Don't you know that's what the Apostle Paul said over here in the book of Ephesians? Wonder if I can find it...I know that it is there. If I can't find it...I will sort of half way quote it to you. And the quoting is pretty punk but anyway the idea is...Oh the 28th verse of 4.

Ephesians 4:28

(28) Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to (his family, put a lot of money in the bank and retire and have a ball. Didn't say that.) It said , that he may have to give to him that needeth.

38. Doesn't say that the person doesn't need it...it says the person that does need it. You're not obligated to help anybody who can help himself and has already got help. There is too much of that going on amongst us right now...you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours, you give me a nice gift and I'll give you a nice gift...forget it. And I would think woman are worse than men on that. Cause they have sweeter ideas and passions and get carried away quicker...and a man is more hard headed. Look for

somebody that needs something, see. Start looking around. Start rolling your eyeballs in that direction...right? Instead of inwardly.

Now...we ought to help each other and look for opportunities and if there are opportunities, we should certainly avail ourselves of those opportunities. Again... Romans the 12th chapter, which I eluded to a while ago. We will see what it says here... 12 to the 20th verse, what I'm looking at.

Romans 12:20

- (20) Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head.
- (22) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

39. What's the first thing somebody needs when there is a problem? And they're obstreperous? Do something nice for the person, see...try to do it. I know, I know that is more difficult but the Scriptures says here, "Vengeance is mine...I will repay." Now...if we are to do something for those who are against us for no reason...how much more should we do something for those who are with us, you see...trying to help people. Let's see if we can find something over here in Luke the 6th chapter. Now...giving us an understanding. Beginning perhaps about verse 27.

Luke 6:27

- (27) But I say to you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.
- (28) Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
- (29) And to him that smite you on the one cheek offer also the other, and him that takes away your cloak forbid not to take your coat also.
- (30) Give to every man that asks of you and of him that takes away your goods ask them not again.
- (31) And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise.

Now that's carrying this to a very far degree, because no man in his right mind would want to be doing all these rotten things that's going here. Taking what's not yours...or hitting somebody in the face...cursing somebody. That which would...you have a picture here given us to show the extremity, of how far we are to go. We're to go a long, long way. In other words [bad spot on tape]

- (32) For if you love them which love you, what thank have you? For sinners also love those that love them.

- (33) And if you do good to them which do good to you what thank have you? For sinners also do even the same.
- (34) And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thank have you ? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
- (35) But love you your enemies and do good and lend hoping for nothing again; and you reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil.

40. I haven't gotten that far. I've gotten as far...if I we're to give thousands of dollars to some minister, or ministry and I find that thing go sour...I have no regret. I have heard people and they told me...man I sure regret giving...I wish I could get it back. Hogwash...you got to be sick. I thought you given that money for the sake of Christ...I thought it was from the Lord. Well you might as well tell them...Bud...look...I'm giving this to you...this is for me...God's not in this thing. Hewn your hallelujahs down, not worth a plug nickel anyway, see. Now I'm just being very kind...you don't know that (.....?.....) but we are just spreading it on where it belongs (...?) it says and be kind...be like God...the children of the highest, where He is kind to the unthankful, and He is kind to the evil, but the Bible says, "Be ye kind, one to another." Speaking of Christians forgiving, and doing good things.

- (36) Be you therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- (37) Judge not, and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive and you shall be forgiven:
- (38) Give and it shall be given unto to you: good measure, (Now it says, when you start giving with the right attitude, when you're doing the right things...it's says watch what is going to happen to you.) Give and it shall be given...good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

41. In other words...when we do these things that we have already out lined in Scripture here...very poorly of course. You start doing it and you know your motive is right because God said so and you're looking to see the changes come...the Bible said that old hearts going to begin to swell and God's going to heap that all back on you. Remember Bro. Branham mentioned a sister Bell dying...and she died with such peace he said she must have paid for her sins before her final hour...she went in such peace. I know that you can't tack Scripture on that all the way. There are sinners that die in perfect peace too in the sense that they have no problems...they live old lives...you know like the old green Bay Tree spreading themselves and it comes time to die...they just die so pretty peaceful. And some saints' die in agony...that's something I just don't understand. God understands and Bro. Branham being a prophet knew that she paid a price somewhere. And I believe the greatest paid, is to sew in peace and reap righteousness to be one of these people. And it said give and it said, "men will give to your bosom."

(39) For with the same measure you mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

42. Now that's just not money...that's everything. It says if you continually do this... there will come a time when it will come back on you. And I know that's the truth Bro./Sister, because what a man sows...he will reap. If you sew oats your going to get oats, if you sew wheat your going to get wheat, you simply can't change it. It's the same in the resurrection...a man goes down a human...comes up a human...a bird goes down a bird...comes up a bird...the lion goes down a lion...comes up a lion. The fifteenth chapter of I Corinthians says so. So is the resurrection...that flesh is coming up again. So what you and I plant, we- are- going- to- reap. Now where we going to reap it? Right in here where it really counts. If you want an enlarged...a great big fat heart and you know fat around the heart is no good but a fat heart is wonderful, see. In other words a big...a great big heart...what you want to do is start making room for the goodies that is going to come in that big heart. So what do you want a big heart for? Say, "Well I want a big heart so everybody could give me." Well, you're nuttier than a fruitcake; you got a tiny weenie heart. You get a great big heart for the goodies coming back, that's how you get a bigger heart, that's how you put an 'L' shape on you...a second story on it...by doing these goodies for people. Look around Bro./Sister, there is lot's of things we can do for each other. Even a glass of cold water is going to...you know...going to get a reward. Absolutely...that's what the Scripture says here. Now let's go to...let's see I think I've covered this here now. Now...let's be careful to know here...it's going to cost us something...that's what I wanted...Hebrews the 10th chapter...I knew that had to be the next little note I was going to bring you. Hebrews the 10th chapter...it is going to cost us something...don't think for one minute it is going to cost us nothing...it is going to cost us something. [Chapter] 10:34 to 37.

Hebrews 10:34-37

- (34) For you had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, Knowing in yourselves that you have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.
- (35) Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompence of reward.
- (36) For you have need of patience, that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise.
- (37) For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and will not tarry.

43. Now...I know that it is going to cost us something...the Bible says so. It says right here, "you took joyfully the spoiling of your goods." Now...sure people will come along and take what we got. We haven't seen it in this age...they saw it back there. And I'm going to tell you...the very fact that you and I can bind the strong man within us, "Our will", "Our character", bind it by the Spirit of God through the Word, keep that old fellow down and then deliberately go out of our way to do the things which we wouldn't

do normally. **That's real genuine Holy Ghost Love...do it!** Lay up treasure in heaven and lay up treasure right here and watch how men will give it back to you.

44. There's a friend of mine...this fellow is about forty years old now and I have the greatest compassion for that kid because I loved him the minute I met him. He married very young...married a lovely girl...but there wasn't any help for him as there should have been...and so the marriage went on the rocks...I'm sorry about that.

But in his early hours of marriage, when there was so little in the house, he was going down to buy a little bit of bread and some milk for the baby and I think he had about \$2.00. And he met a man, coming out of his house...he used to visit and he said, "Cox...he said...I wonder if you can help me...he said, I haven't got a thing in the house...now he said, if I could just have a little bit...he said, I could live." Well the kid felt so sorry for the old boy that he gave him the two dollars that he had. He said, "Oh my...what am I going to do now." And the fellow said, he said, "Cox, he said, I got a little old Buggie Bird in here...he said, I don't even have any seed to feed him, why don't you take him home." He took him and sold him for five dollars.

So you see...give and it shall be given...of good measure, it tided the kid over. You say, the old man could have done that. Sure he could have done it but it wasn't in God's plan...God made that boy a little test and I don't believe he would have sold the bird for five dollars. I wouldn't give somebody two bucks for a Buggie Bird back in those days. Like you couldn't give me one...I had all I want to do with them. But you see...God knew there was somebody that would pay five dollars for that bird. And he did...and the boy got it back.

45. I remember years ago the same principle in my life...cause being on the road I knew I had to trust God...and that was difficult but God of course was good to me. Because He got me out of debt...I had \$1200.00 owing on the car and I prayed to the Lord would He send me on the road but not in debt...and a voice within me said, "Don't worry...your going to get the money." And from that minute on I knew it and I got it. Just like God sent one nice lump like that and paid it off. Now not nickels and dimes...twelve hundred dollars cash...see.

46. And that's the way God does...but now I'm telling you...I've always believed in the tithing the tithe, you do what you want...maybe you can't afford and when you think you can, but you didn't live as low as I did on \$45.00 a week. Course that's some time back...and you took \$9.00 out of that and that was before you took a nickel out in expense and that was quite a bit of money. But I got out one day...I had a little money saved up so I sent \$20.00 to a preacher and I sent \$20.00 to a widow and exactly twenty twenty-dollar bills came in and died, I had exhausted my.... Give and it shall be given to you...now that twenty never came because the tithe belongs to God. Now there is one thing that you must understand...when a person pays tithes, he gives nothing. That belongs to God. That's not mine that is not yours that is Gods. Nothing to do with you and me that's the way I like it because it is in His hands...see? But when it comes to giving...that's in your and my hands, and the Scripture distinctly says...you either do it because you want to or you don't because you don't want to or you haven't got it. If you

don't have it, you're not obligated. If you do have it...your not obligated but you want to do it. Well I said, "Sure I want to do it Lord." That's when the money came in...I got twenty twenties for a twenty. And I've always found this...that God honors those who give. But you know what? It's going to cost you something to give. So therefore I like what the man said, he said, "It's not what you give...it's what you got left over." And that puts a different story on it now because most of us are in a position now that we never were in a few years ago...there is more and more. Course we know taxes eat it up and let's face it...we're still the best feed and best taken care of people in all the world. Never fuss about America...the only reason America is going down the drain is because she had the prophet...for no other reason cause we're no different than anybody else in fact I've been around the world...different places in the world where I think they are a whole lot worse than we are. You know really...you wonder how that could be...well I wonder myself really. It's a bad mess.

47. But anyway, God never lies in His Word and He always encourages us to give. That's just exactly what the Scripture says, "That God so loved the World He gave His only begotten Son"...then John said, "This is the Love of God that He loved us first." Then because He loved us...now we are able to reciprocate." So therefore we look around and we do our best to find those who need help and any time of need. And we help them and behold...the same blessing comes back upon us.

48. So...it will cost us something to lay up those treasures, but look at the reward...breaches are healed, breaches are healed. You know that's one of the titles that God has given Himself...the healer, the breach-man, the one who makes amends. That's like the days-man...Job cried, "Is there not a days-man." Is there somebody that can take the hand of God and my hand and bring us back together?" And of course the Holy Spirit did it. Jesus is our days-man and through Him all breaches are healed and we being as Bro. Branham said, "Little Messiest...little Mrs. Jesus". We are to have the very same ministry. Breaches are healed which give us a reward on earth and treasures laid up in heaven. It gives us a testimony to Jesus Christ. Let's look at John the 13th chapter. Remember what the old fashion...the old people in the early Church said? "Oh behold how they loved each other." John 13 and 35.

John 13:35

(35) Let this alone let you know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

What is love? You say, "Well that's not just saying, "Well you're a nice fellow...I love you and you love me." Love is doing something. And it is not doing when the person doesn't need doing for. It is specifically doing when the chips are down. But it doesn't mean you ignore him when things are going good...you're on the look out to see that things will go better...see. If the Church could get on fire...especially the ministry...the men...could get on fire to begin looking out for the people that need looking out for. What a difference there would be.

49. I remember a few years ago I was living in this little town in Ohio...there was a lady up there, her name was [Mrs. Longerneck...?]. And her husband was a very nice Presbyterian Christian and she was like a lot of peoples' wives...you know...very saucy and very smart and very...you know pant-ish and short hair-ish, and you know. And so I was talking on how it was that if I was a Pastor again I would train my Elders and even Deacons and anybody I could to go to the homes and help the homes that didn't have family worship...to institute it and solve their problems. She said, "Hmm Hmm I ain't going to have anybody come into my house. I said, there ain't nobody going to come in to your house and I said, "Nobody is going to come to your house." (?...and so I said, "I'd be only too glad to." I didn't mean to put her down so I didn't say anything. But you see...that woman and the world is so far offbeat and the Churches, that it is pitiful. Because it is the duty of those that are strong, to help the weak. There is nothing weaker than a home that doesn't have the prayer and the Word and those things that belong there. How can people ever get anywhere except they're helped?

50. Well look at the very fact that so many marriages are on the rocks. Now I mentioned this before but I'm always puzzled. The Bible says that women are to love their husbands. In other words there should be a preparation for marriage. That's why the world is such a mess right now over your sex problem out there because the subject was not taught at home according to the Scripture. As old Doctor Bell...Billy Grahams father-in-law said, "You don't need these books, the Bible tells you." But nobody runs to the Bible...you see? Well I want to know where the women are that taught their daughters? Now women I'm not fussing about you this morning but you know what's in the land out there amongst your sisters in the flesh. They want to be woman preachers. They want to run the office, they want to run the world, they want to run everything. But they haven't got enough brains to teach their daughters because they are the same miserable prostitutes that there daughters have turned into.

51. As Bro. Branham said, "The flapper of his day and mine have become the strip tease of this hour, until it is a horrible thing and the best any woman can do today is to give her daughter birth control pills. Well that is a fine substitute for the Word of God. Huh and what are the Christian homes doing this morning? I want to ask you. What are you doing about your daughters? Now I'm going to ask you flat and it is a good time to do it. In other words where is your love this morning for your kids...and you say, "what about yours Bro. Vayle?" Mine wasn't so hot...that's why I'm trying to help you. I know I'm not a pretty guy to talk to. That's why I am no Pastor...I just don't have that knack, I'm sorry. But what I tell you is the truth of God just the same as though I came down and you know giggered you with an ice pick. So don't look at me this morning and how I say it. Look at what I am saying...see...I'm not excusing myself, I'm trying to tell you something. That you are responsible for the marriages coming up. What are you doing about it? See! Now I know some of you parents have done the best you can and your kids have still gone haywire. All right...it's out of your hands.

52. But how many of us heeded the admonition where the Scripture laid it out. No! It's always been...well if he doesn't treat you right daughter...you better come on home. Now why in the world now would she marry some kind of a bird that wouldn't treat her right? Men who slap women around...I even hear of men in this message who slap their

wives I would like to slap them with a 4 by 4 if you [if it would let them know I love them.] If you got to slap your wife, there is something awful wrong with you. Not that there isn't something wrong with her but there is something awful wrong somewhere. No siree...no siree. Bad enough you have sharp words, and that is pretty easy because we haven't learned to glue our mouth up. Some of the finest glue in the world is lip glue that had a little timer on it. You know...they have that crazy glue...they say if you ever get it on your fingers it would take a doctor to get them apart. Might be good to do the same thing with the lip.

53. You know way back in the days of Siam, way, way years ago there were heathen but they weren't very heathen...if somebody got out of order...I don't mean to throw off of mother-in-laws because my wife if a mother-in-law...she is a pretty good girl. And...but they said they sewed the mother in laws mouth up if she talked too much. Do you realize you don't need that kind of glue in the house of God...cause you got the Word. Soft words...turning away wrath and all.

So you see here the Scripture teaches, "by this shall all men know you're my disciples", when we conduct ourselves in a certain way...we are to have certain attitudes and certain behavior qualities. Now...this is the only fool proof method there is. Let's go to Romans the 13th chapter and read in verse 10 here:

Romans 13:10

- (10) Love works no ill to his neighbor therefore love is the fullfilling of the law.
- (11) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Now listen...awaking now out of sleep is found in another place...it is also in Ephesians and remembers it is those that were sleeping, were lying amongst the dead. And in this age then there is a message for us...

- (12) The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

54. But what is he talking about? Works of love. So when I said awhile ago...I just can't believe for one minute we're to sit around here and talk about coming up on a pyramid smacking our lips that we've got all the things here and other churches don't have it...I want to ask a question this morning here in Beaumont. I want to ask you how much time are you putting aside in your life to find people that you can help and be nice to and kind and decent and look for something nice to do? Well that's when the chips are down because it is proven a whole lot of hogwash that's already transpired. I know your history and what goes on around America and around the world. Boast all you want about love and I'll laugh in your face...you know why? I want to see it. I've heard these

guys that preach on love and they nauseate me. Cause it is always high falutent, to take some advantage. When the chips are down, they blow their stack like anybody else. I would sooner tell you flat...I would sooner try to act in love and blow my stack...rather than you catch me in an uncountable position...around so sweet and nice till the pressure is down. Than to become some kind of a vendetta against me. Hogwash...no man has a vendetta against me...no man can hurt me unless I let him that person do it. And nobody can if I get so big I try to do nice things for people. See? So let's talk about love by something. Yes serrie...I believe you're doing...but I want to get you to do a whole lot more. I found the most satisfying experience in this whole life are the days I would deliberately put aside to attempt to do something for somebody.

55. We dedicate a day at the first day of the week to worship Jesus Christ, and six more days wouldn't be too bad to dedicate to somebody else...to put in action. See? Yes siree...I was talking to one man not long ago...oh it's years ago now. This fellow...his wife wouldn't leave British Columbia to go out to Saskatchewan where he lived. And you know some had the idea because she didn't believe the message and she smoked and a few things like that...that it was a good idea that she be away from him. I said, "I want to tell you something son...you go up and tell your wife if she will come to Saskatchewan, she can smoke if she wants to, she may never go to Church, you won't even talk about the message, but you love her, and you want her and the children." He did that...they got as happy a home under the circumstances that is possible. What if he had left her alone? She could have gone with some man and he with some woman. You say, "Well Bro. Vayle...I want my wife saved." Who doesn't? But who says she is going to be. But I tell you if you can live with her and she would do a decent people, if you put the right foot forward...if there is anything there at all. But somebody has got to do something about it...you just can't sit around...I believe in times like this you don't pray as much as you put your prayers on wheels or on feet...whatever it is to do it. And a box of chocolates may be for a whole lot more than just a sweet tooth. They may sweeten up her heart, and that's worthwhile.

56. Now...it's guaranteed to bring victory. We're not dealing in something that doesn't work...it brings victory. We go to the 7th verse and 8th verse of I Corinthians and 13.

I Corinthians 13:7-8

- (7) Beareth all things, believe all things, hopeth all things, endures all things. (In other words it just keeps that before...it is going to work...it is going to work...it is going to work...it is going to work.)
- (8) Love never fails, but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail;

How often do people Prohesy? Oh...that's Pentecost. Prophecy you know the... oh my listen...thank God this message got over prophecies of the diabolical things that tongues and prophecy done.

57. Out they're in um...in um...where is it, Wilcox Arizona where they went underground. A family came to me later on because they prophesied, she should marry this boy and he should marry her and the thing blew higher than a kite. Oh...what is done in the name of prophecy. I would no more get suckered into that than I would believing that an elephant was a battle ship. Yet there is more than an elephant being a battle ship than there is in this I can tell you that flat. Because prophecies will fall flatter than a flitter...but love won't fail. See? Bro. Branham said the proper marriage is where you prayed out to know that's your wife and the same with the girl. You prayed out and know that is your husband. You say, "Well look at that girl that came and said, "What do you see in that fellow?" She said, "Oh he's got such cute feet." God have pity.

(8) Where they have tongues they shall cease, knowledge shall vanish.

Because they only know in part, but it says here there is one thing that works. Now you and I in other words, don't need to know about the future. Don't need to know all the conditions, don't need to prob. Now that's an unkind thing. Do your realize even men and women sit down...husband and wife and start probing. If a person is under stress... don't pretend you're a psychologist or a sychiatrist. Just say, "Look...I don't know what is bugging you but it will work out." You know the worst thing you can do in a Church fight is start probing, probing, probing. Bury the hatchet and not in some bodies skull... in the ground and leave it there, don't dig it up. Bro. Branham said if you dig up what's under the blood...God will bring that back on you. You'll answer for it...not the person's sins as though on judgment day...but the trouble that comes out of it. See? Probing, probing, probing. Probe what? Nothing to probe...there is a problem...help the person...say, "Can I help you?" "What can I do?" Do something, then if it needs discussion that's the time.

58. That's why doctors go ahead, you know the way they are at times just give you a little something to relax you. Then after they relax you they can deal with you. Sometimes they give you something like, you know...that...truth serum like uh sodium penethol uh chemical...get you relaxed down. How do you relax people? Be nice to them. Show them something. A little kids in a hospital. Little kids that had such a traumatic affect in his life, he couldn't get know where and so some nurse stopped and you know what? Maybe that kid needs something to love. Brought him a puppy dog... you know what a puppy dog is like...like Bill Carnegie said, "A dog is the best example of what to be like." They just do nothing but show love. I don't know that there is...a person has got to be really...ah not very happy about dogs if he doesn't love dogs. Maybe he's Hindu or something where they [have something] against them. But you know...you can look at a puppy...the way he is. That little puppy dog just opened that child up. What about an adult? What about someone who just has a problem? Well you just simply help the person. You can quote all the Scripture you want and all the prophesying you want...it won't do the trick. Galatians 6 again. We're going to read two verses this time. The 9th and the 10th.

Galatians 6:9-10

- (9) Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap if we faint not.
- (10) As we therefore have opportunity, let us do to all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith. (In other words, keep doing it.)

Ephesians with this the 5th chapter verses 15 to 17...and it says here...

Ephesians 5:15-17

- (15) See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.
- (16) Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (How do you redeem time because days are evil? Do something good...do counter balance)
- (17) Wherefore be you not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

See? What is the will of God? What is His will...that we should live in love and help each other. And that doesn't mean to run ahead of the Spirit and be unwise with the Word of God...it's a general admonition.

Now...I hope we see it. For how often we want to possess love and manifest it. We want to possess it in order to manifest it. But the way is to do it. See? And so that is what we should do all together. In fact...do our first works over again. Revelation the 2nd chapter and 4 to 5...and it said...

Revelation 2:4-5

- (4) Nevertheless I have something against you, because you left your first love.
- (5) Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and do the first works.

59. Now these people began to drift, they didn't feel that they needed to keep on helping. Often times they say well I've done enough...somebody else can do it. How often have we thought that? I've done my share. You know something...it is well said, if you want somebody to do something...ask a busy man...never ask an idle man...he will never get it done. True! Why do people always hold up as public examples...men who do things? And when you do you find out they not only got a full time job but they are doing fifteen other things on the side. A busy man. You know...somebody said, "The devil always finds things for idle hands to do." That's true. But if your so busy looking for something to do for somebody...I believe that you'll have no time for the enemy. But we have to make our minds up...and that's to get back to the first works. Sincerely...though void of all else but the obedience of faith. What if we were void of everything but the obedience of faith? I don't feel like doing it. I hate to do it. I wonder

if I even should do it...will it backfire? Forget it...do it anyway. What if it backfires? Oh how people get sour. You know that is true...especially in the Church. Then when a thing backfires it gets so sour.

60. I went preaching one time and it backfired and I got sour and the Lord whipped the hide off me...so I knew better next time. I don't care how sour it gets, just keep on preaching. That's what Bro. Branham said...preach to the four walls, preach to the poles, if the walls fall down preach to the poles if the poles fall down, get out and preach to the side walk. I don't know...see...sincerely. Through the obedience of faith and then we can watch and see it happen. Let's go to Titus...we're going to look at the 13th and 14th verses of chapter 2. And it said.....

Titus 2:13-14

- (13) Teaching us to deny ungodliness and worldly lust...to live soberly and righteously in godliness.....looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

Zealous....lot's of zeal. What is our zeal? It seems amongst us we have a zeal to know the Word and separate...there ought to be a zeal to stay together and do something good for each other...see? Now we're going to get somewhere. Let's go to Romans the 13th chapter...a zeal to see good in each other too. That's good. Eight...the 13th chapter...yes...no I'm going to far...8 to 14.

Romans 13: 8-

- (8) Owe no man any thing but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law.
- (9) For this You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

In other words how in the world can you do anything wrong if you're so busy doing good...see? Now...

- (10) Love works no ill to his neighbor

It doesn't say love doesn't work...it says love doesn't work (ill). Love worketh. Many people think love doesn't work...love does work...love is a workhorse...love sent Jesus to the cross...love bore the cross...love is the fulfilling of the law and the law is do, do, do, do, do, do, you see? Now....

- (11) That, knowing the time, that it is high time to wake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
- (12) The night is far spent, the day is at hand (see I read that) put on the whole ...put on the armour of light.
- (13) Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting (in other words it says walk as though someone is looking at you all the time.)

61. I remember I used to have some friends back in Canada. They were real sweet girls and I used to always admire this one girl and her sister because they were just so plum sweet and I said you know, I said, "I'm just amazed at you kids...I said...you must have had a real sweet childhood." Auh, she said, "Don't you believe it Lee...she said... they thought we were just little angels but she said...soon as mothers back was turned, we pinched each other and we didn't dare scream though so we could pinch each other back.

62. That's what it says here...as though someone was looking at you all the time... see? If you and I lived when people **[something wrong with the tape]** see, "not in rioting and drunkenness, chambering and wantonness." In other words people do that at night when they can't be seen...oh what a mess...but God sees. Now he says you act at all times as though this was in your consciousness that God is here...and that is something that I am looking at today having brought the message on the, " Presence of the Lord"...that He is actually in a way He has not been here in roughly two thousand years. So He is in us and with us and over us. You see...that should be a tremendous temptation, and I use the term there on purpose...a tremendous temptation, to tempt us to what? In the way we're talking about this morning.

- (14) But put you on the Lord Jesus Christ and don't make provisions for the flesh

For the flesh will say...feed me, bath me, keep me, powder me, pet me, make me feel good. But the love of God will say, "Look...I don't care about me...I care about that fellow...and in caring about that fellow, it comes back upon you with the blessing of almighty God manifested.

I think of that story of the Star of David. I wish...I'm not a fellow that (.....??) because I like to go to the Bible. But I remember this cause I heard [the author of] "Star of David", tell it himself. You know he was a prisoner and the Lord got him out of prison and had His hand upon him and he became an author and um I believe he tells of how he was came to this town and he always believed in loving and showing love, but he knew that in town there was a woman who was named Mrs. Beam and she had a mouth on her like a buzz saw and a crocodile, you know where she would amputate or chew off any limb, gossip wise...she was a real mess. And so they were very happy that she had never come to their place. Because they knew jolly well the minute she came they would just tare down the way the curtains were, the way the house was, the way they were...nothing would be the truth...you know exaggerated [.....?.....] this so they

where thanking the Lord that she had never come around, But one day they saw her coming down the street and they were very glad she was going to go by, they thought she was, but she opened the gates and of course the hinges didn't buckle so she couldn't get in...they swung open...and she come up the pathway...the walk and they saw her and man they got very scared and they thought what we will do...we will just put on a good act. We will just put on a real good act. And so they talked to each other one minute and one said, he said, "Now look here...we can't do that." Said, "If we are going to do it... we are going to do it right. We are going to do it right from our heart, in love...do the right thing, and be honest Well they said they brought out the best China, the best things, the best cookies,.....she was all smiles, she said I'm going to come back...the very thing they didn't want, you know, but she came back. So after a few times, they could bring the subject around to the Lord, and the woman was saved and the upshot was that because of their love and how they conducted themselves, she became the most notable Christian in town so that from that time on she was never known for what she did harmful but only for what she did good. So that whenever there was a sickness or a case where someone would set up all night or anyone to be charitable you could count on Mrs. Beam to be the one who exemplify Jesus Christ.

63. So you see...the thing is that we're saying that if we want to see these things we have got to do something about it. You just simply can't pray...prayer won't do it... won't do it. It just won't work. Praying will only work this far...it will help you to come under the influence of the Holy Spirit whereby you will do it. Where prayer is not twisting the arm of God...praying is coming where God can twist your arm, then come under the Word to do what the Word says. So...we must go back to our friendships, our communions, our fellowships, our associations, and delight in each other's company and the Lord will bless us. Because even the jewels are made up of a very peculiar people. Hard working [...?...] people and over here in the book of Malachi...this is one of my favorite passages also where it says...verse 16 of chapter 3.

Malachi 3: 16

- (16) Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another
(Doesn't say they are talking to God now or praying...they are talking to each other) and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written afore Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name.

64. Now those that feared God and thought on His name where talking a certain way, and I know the way they where talking. They where building each other up in the Word of this hour. And staying with what the Prophet said so that there would be no schisms and no problems [that's coming off?]. And it said they are going to be a part of the Bride. Now...this plan for the Church is a constant one and not seasonal unless it is for all seasons and it is. So look no longer for our own needs and desires that we have but to

fulfill others and see that the bread cast upon the waters and will come back, because it will

65. Now the Bible says that they that go forth and bearing precious seed reaping... will come again rejoicing bearing [seed....?....] Now if you understand the orient at all you know that many times in the orient they have a complete disaster and the food is so low that here is this poor old fellow there and he's got these sheep. Now he don't know if he is going to get a crop or not but he's got to plant it. Now he's thinking my children ate this what I'm going to plant, then he said we might tied ourselves over till some food came from somewhere but I've got to rob my children knowing that they could use this. I've got to plant it and expect God to water it and give the increase. Now that's the way you are and I am this morning with our lives and what we do. We have the ability to use our lives for ourselves but the Scripture says, "He that seeketh to save his soul...and that word is 'Soul Life' in the Greek. It means...what we do here until the day we're taken away...if we seek to save it...we loose it, but if we loose it, which means we deliberately planed with the Word of God...to do what the Word of God says...it says we will save it. See? And it says if you are in a position where you find it hard...deliberately steel yourself by cutting off your hand, cutting off your arm, plucking an eye. In other words the constant realization that life is not made of what pleasures can I have but what pleasure can I give. See...then we're getting somewhere.

66. Now...that's what we ought to do. Them that have bread cast upon the waters but rain as it where that we wanted to save for ourselves will come back multiplied as certain will. There is a picture there of Jesus Christ giving his life. Now remember the early Church gave it's life for you and me? Hadn't have been for the early Church we wouldn't have been here. The Church before us gave something for us. That's why Bro. Branham said don't unchristianize anybody.

67. Now...the day of constant asking for our self should be a thing of the past for it is a day of building an ark. The Ark was not built for Noah alone but for his family. And today we ought to apply the token for the sake of the family of God and live lives that are dedicated in order to build up into or unto Him. See we are all building...what are we building for? During the war years there was a motto, "Service To Others". That's right...it was one of the great mottos of the Second World War "Service To Others". That motto ought to be amongst us...as saints, for it is the last war, for the last Trumpet has sounded declaring war. Then if we are to return to the Ephesian Church which Bro. Branham promised, in being the Ephesian Church, then the first works should be amongst us. In other words...that great earnestness to show forth His praises by serving Him, by bringing in souls and building those souls up into Jesus Christ.

68. I'll never forget my own existence in Christ many years ago. My sister was dying and nobody was helping her. By prophesy...myself, I don't know...hears the thing about a false anointing, you see, it can really work. I was no more a child of God than nothing. I was a wicked little heathen reprobate so to speak...you know...by all outward appearances. When my sister was dying I told my mother she wouldn't get better till she was prayed for...by two women...you know...they had been healed of cancer. Because

she was dying, we called in the women and God healed my sister just like that. The prophecy came true...and I wasn't even a prophet.

69. Then I began looking around and I wanted salvation. Nobody asked me to get saved and I said, "How do you get saved?" "How do you come God?" So I was told and I believed it and I got it. So you start with that. And the first thing I saw was everybody in the Church fighting each other. The Deacon was out behind the barn smoking cigarettes and fighting the Pastor. And the Pastor had daughters that were running around that weren't fit to be running around...they were literally prostitutes. Now if you have daughters like that you better [club them out of commission] or something. Not that I advise clubbing anybody but I know you just got to take a firm stand [...?... its no doubt that we're rotten.] See she was a pastor, can you imagine that? A woman pastor (...?...)just scurvy. So I look around and I said, "Well if this is it... forget it. So I promptly forgot it for a few weeks, fortunately I left that town and moved where they had a Pastor...was a man...for this I thank God and some good brethren. A fine man came through preaching one time...[that struck a responsive] cord to my heart, so I hadn't quit the Church or anything I just said hey that's...you know, such a mess. But you see if those people had of watched their homes, trained their children right... **TAPE RUNS OUT AND STOPS.**