

Identity Crisis

John 15:12-17

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have

heard from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.







The responsibilities of discipleship flow from our new identity in Christ.

1. Sacrificially love because you are FRIENDS of God.









John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus is not satisfied with a merely servile obedience.

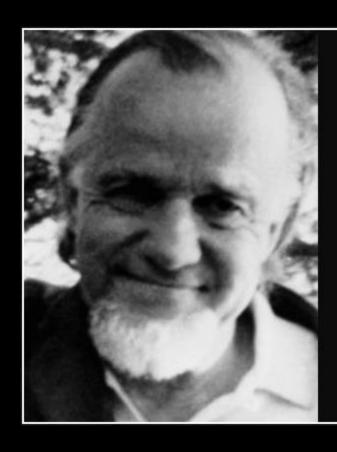
William Hendrickson











Jesus taught that the mark of the Christian is the observable love shown among all true believers.

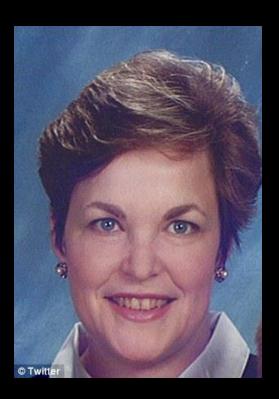
— Francis Schaeffer —

AZ QUOTES

If the world does not see this, it will not believe that Christ was sent by the Father...

The world must have the proper answers to their honest questions, but at the same time, there must be a oneness in love between all true Christians. This is what is needed if men are to know that Jesus was sent by the Father and that Christianity is true.

Francis Schaeffer





2. Humbly bear fruit because you are the CHOSEN of God.

3. Confidently pray because you are CHILDREN of God.

