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Hindering God's Love Means Hindering Your
Sanctification

Love is Unique Between 2 Parties

Think about how your love for others is different, from and towards each person. (not better, but just different, with each person in your life) And so, each believer's love is unique to God, and personal.

Faith without Love means Nothing

Everyone has faith in something, but unless love binds that faith to serving others, it is worthless. 1Co 13

Why does Faith Move?

The reason faith moves in our lives is because of love. Paul was a doer, because love was his motivation. 2Cor 5:14-15

Let's be honest...

In what ways are you using your own methods in dealing with others, maybe something instilled in you since childhood, and in the process you're hindering God's love from flowing freely?

The Power of God's Love

It's love that changes people, and it's lack of love that makes ourselves and others suffer needlessly.

Phil 2:1-5

If you honestly realize and admit you are NOTHING without Christ (and I mean NOTHING! Joh 15:5), then you are ready to move forward and enjoy this freedom, which comes from regarding others as a higher priority than yourself. But until you humble yourself, you will continue to suffer in your soul.

Flowing Freely

God's love is a passionate river, and we are to stand in its path with open arms, to receive it and to let it flow through us to others.

Hindering Sanctification

If we choose NOT to love our enemies, we hurt ourselves, stunting our own sanctification, and stopping the flow of God's love to those who really need it

(those who are sick, lost without Christ).

Accountable to the Father

This is so serious to God the Father, that Jesus says whoever does not forgive his brother from the heart, will be disciplined so severely by The Father that it is like be handed over to the torturers. Mat 18:34-35

Go to your Father!

And this is why we must go straight to Him, when we lack the proper attitude on any issue. We must go ask Him for more faith, because that is the issue when we resist His instructions (i.e. when we don't forgive someone). We must get on our knees and ask Him for help, right then, for supernatural help forgiving our brother from the heart.