



Loving Our Neighbors
Love the Way Jesus Taught It
The Loyalty of Love

Colossians 1:28 - *We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*

Philippians 1:6 - *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

John 13:1 - *Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

3 lessons from the treachery of Judas

I. Betrayal is Often Subtle.

A. People around may be totally fooled.

Matthew 26:22 - *Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"*

John 13:22 - *The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.*

John 13:23-24 - *There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."*

B. At its core, it means to sell out.

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Psalms 41:9 - *Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.*

Psalms 55:12-14 - *For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, then I could bear it; nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, then I could hide myself from him. But it is you, a man my equal, my companion and my familiar friend; We who had sweet fellowship together walked in the house of God in the throng.*

C. It reveals the heart's true values.

Matthew 26:14-16 - *Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.*

cf. Exodus 21:32

John 12:3 - *Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

John 12:4-6 - *But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" Now he said this, not because he was*

concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

D. Sometimes shrouded in spirituality

E. The importance of examining our own hearts.

Matthew 7:21-23 - *Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'*

1 John 5:13 - *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

2 Peter 1:10 - *Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;*

F. The delightful contrast

John 13:1 - *Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

Revelation 19:11 - *And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True...*

II. Betrayal Involves Spiritual Warfare.

A. Our adversary the devil is clearly involved in this event.

John 13:2 - *During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,*

John 13:27 - *After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."*

B. Seek to achieve the balance shown here and in other passages.

1. He's here, but he is not given center stage.

cf. 2 Cor. 12

2. Nor is the person absolved of responsibility.

C. Be prepared for daily pressure to sell out.

Ephesians 4:26-27 - *Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.*

D. Be convinced that "greater is He that is in your than he that is in the world."

cf. 1 John 4:4

E. Be encouraged because there is hope for the betrayer and the person being betrayed.

F. Be motivated to put your armor on daily.

Ephesians 6:10-11 - *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.*

III. Betrayal Can Never Thwart the Sovereignty of God

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