

# TOUGH LOVE

HARSH BUT GLORIOUS AWAKENINGS FOR A PEOPLE ON THE BRINK

———— A STUDY ON MALACHI ————



Part 7 – 2:10-16

Faithfulness vs. Treachery

## Proverbs 3:3

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.”

Love, “always perseveres. Love never  
fails.” 1 Cor. 13:7,8

Exodus 34:6,7

“The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate  
and gracious God, slow to anger,  
abounding in love and faithfulness, 7  
maintaining love to thousands, and  
forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

”  
...

Every horizontal relationship is ultimately about the vertical. How we are with each other is an accurate diagnostic of how we view and feel about God. – v.10

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' – Matt. 22:37-39

Proverbs 17:17

“A friend loves at all times,  
and a brother is born for a time of  
adversity.”





1 Peter 3:7 “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

Treachery vv. 10, 11, 14, 15, 16



Life for the purpose of godliness –  
glorifying God in all things in all ways

Relationships for the purpose of  
godliness

Marriage for the purpose of godliness

Therefore, marrying for any other purpose is really gross - “detestable” –

v.11

## 2 Corinthians 6:14

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

Marriage for the purpose of godliness –

v.15 – godly offspring

Unfaithfulness/treachery “does violence”

v.16





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