

NOTES:
Emotionally Healthy Spirituality | Maturity in Christ
Compelled Church, October 16-17, 2021

The measure of Christian maturity is love

Our Mission at Compelled Church is to: **Love God, Love People, and Serve the World**

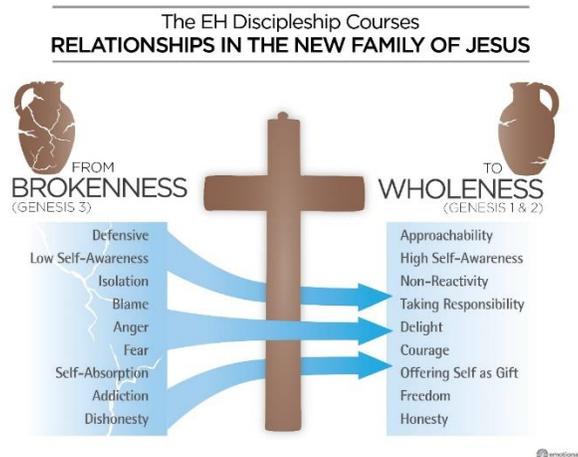
“AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.” “The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30–31, NASB95)

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”

(2 Corinthians 5:14, NIV)

“Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

(Hebrews 10:24–25, NASB95)



I=It

Distracted, Goal Orientated
Others are objects and extension of us
Judgmental with conditional acceptance
Monologue and debate positions
Withhold true self, limited sharing
Closed, unwilling to learn or change

I= Thou

Attentive, Listen-orientated
Others are persons, unique and separate
Nonjudgmental and radical acceptance
dialogue, exploration, curiosity, wonder
Vulnerable, and offering of myself
Open, willing to learn new views, to change

Three questions to ask ourselves to evaluate if we are loving.

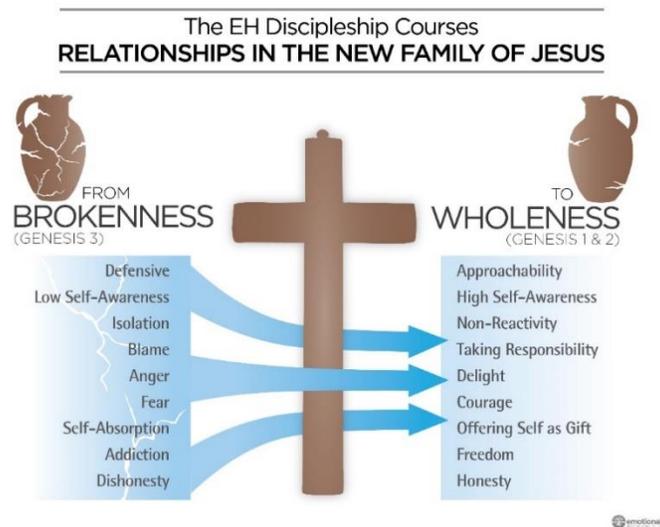
1. Am I listening incarnationally? Am I fully present with others or distracted
2. Am I loving or judging? Are you a judgaholic? Do you want to be a recovering judgaholic?
3. Am I open or closed to being changed?

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Sermon Discussion Questions:
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1. What are some things Pastor does not equate to spiritual maturity?
2. What did he say is the measure of true spiritual maturity?
3. Our mission at Compelled Church is to: Love God, Love People, and Serve the World.
Why did he say there is a lot of love in that statement?
4. Read Mark 12.30-31 and discuss how to love God and love our fellow people?
5. Read Hebrews 10.24-25. What are some observations?

How are we to encourage each other? What are we to encourage each other in?
What does it look like to encourage someone to love? How does getting together and love connect?
6. Why is judging such an unloving pattern in one's life? What did pastor say? What did Jesus say?
7. Look at the Pic below. How is Jesus taking you from the right to the left? How can we move to wholeness?



8. We withhold love and justify it, based on these unspoken assumptions....
 - It is bad to have differing views.
 - You must see the world as I do.
 - I can't stay in relationship with you if you continue to believe wrong things.

Do you believe this is true? How common and accepted is this?

9. Close in prayer, praying 2 Corinthians 5.14