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What did Jesus say would distinguish true followers of Christ?

John 13:33 – 35, 1st John 3:10b – 11, 14 – 15, 4:7 – 8, 20 – 21

The power to love other Christians comes from whom? Romans 5:5

What causes Christians who should be demonstrating love to begin being divisive and creating disunity? The spirit of
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I. Understanding Resentment 1st John 3:12

Genesis 4:1 – 8 the story of Cain and Abel.

II. What causes resentment?
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What is the difference between anger and resentment?
_____ .

Because Cain experienced public humiliation, felt taken advantage of, and emotional rejection he becomes very angry and depressed.

Genesis 4:5 – 7

Note carefully how God confronts Cain. What did God tell Cain to do?

III. When resentment turns to bitterness. Hebrews 12:15

Biblical Illustrations – Genesis 27:41 Esau and Jacob, Genesis 37 the story of Joseph,

2nd Samuel 15:1 – 5 **Absalom resentment of his father David.**

IV. How to gain victory over resentment.

- You must pinpoint the root of your resentment.
- You must remember God uses both good and bad to shape your life to be like Jesus.

Romans 8:28

Ask God to forgive you for how you responded toward the source of your resentment.

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