

Love Revealed

Unlove is deadly. It is a cancer. It may kill slowly but it **always** kills in the end. Let us fear it, fear to give room to it as we should fear to nurse a cobra. It is deadlier than any cobra...

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...And just as one minute drop of the almost invisible cobra venom spreads swiftly all over the body of one into whom it has been injected, so one drop of the gall of unlove in my heart or yours, however unseen, has a terrible power of **spreading all through our Family**, for we are one body – we are parts of one another...

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...We owe it to the younger ones to teach them the truth that united prayer is impossible, unless there be loyal love. If unlove be discovered anywhere, stop everything and put it right, if possible at once.

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Love...

- I am Christ's ambassador in your life, for your good, as long as I live.
- giving others what they need the most, even when they deserve it the least.

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It is hard to show love...

- but fortunately God is in the business of helping me do the impossible!

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It was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the completely anti-God state of mind

- C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*

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Key Question for pride/arrogance:

- Where are the blind spots in my life?

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Key Question for insisting on own way:

- Based on my life, what are my true desires?

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What next?

• In addition to reflecting on 1 Corinthians 13 as reading in Bible this week...

- *Where is this in the life of Jesus?*
- *Where is this in my life?*
 - If it is lacking...
 - *What would it look like in my life?*
- *Where am I seeing this in my daily Bible reading?*

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Ask God to strengthen your commitment to do your part to make NLCC the best Church She can be.

Reflect on key questions

- Pride
 - God, as I read Your Word, please be merciful to me and reveal blind spots in my life.
- Insisting on own way
 - God, as I read Your Word, please be merciful to me and shine a light on my true desires.