

OCTOBER 22

“LOVE HAS A GREAT DIVIDEND.”

READ

Romans 12:10-13

Paul didn't say to just be affectionate or to just be kind. He said, “be kindly affectionate.” Show affection, but not out of obligation. Don't do things just to be nice. The Holy Spirit within you is able to help you do things with Christ's kindness and with brotherly love. I have a brother, Dennis. We grew up together. Our parents taught us to love one another. They didn't have to teach it a great deal. We were brothers, after all. And as much as I love him because he's blood kin, there's a greater love than familial love — God's kind of love. Love costs something, but love also has a great dividend. Even though it may be a sacrifice to prefer somebody else, true Christians consider others more important than themselves. Do you want a better day? Put someone else first. Do you want a better outlook right now? Then do something with kind affection for somebody else. Your mind, your heart, and your outlook will be changed.

PRAY

Jesus, who would You have me be kindly affectionate to today? Who needs to experience Your love?

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