

Past the Face

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Friends, it's on my heart to encourage each of us to see past the front that others put up. The only way to do that is to constantly be asking the Lord to help us. It's not good enough this day and age to pray before we get out of bed and then hope that gets us through. There are too many things now a days fighting for our attention, for our time, for our devotion, for our love, for our money, for our gifts, for our soul.

Discernment should be put on like a shirt before we walk out of our bedroom. We should do good to remember that we are wearing it throughout the day. What good is an umbrella in our hand if when we walk outside into pouring rain, we don't use it?

There are no coincidences, we don't just run into people or run up against circumstances for nothing. There is purpose in everything we do so when someone gives us lemon, we make lemonade. When someone gives us a nasty face, we respond in love?

It is proven that love will break down the hardest of hearts and it's proven that a kind answer turns away wrath. So what's wrong with us? (speaking to the choir here because I need to be reminded)

It's hard to show love on a text, or email. (just saying)

As well, I would encourage each of us to not look at this like it's a mountain that we have to face. Even so, God will help us to move the mountain, but He gives us for today what we can handle today. Anything beyond that is not promised. So the one person or 5 people that you are having a hard time loving, show 1 ACT OF LOVE today and allow the Lord to minister to you as well.

There are always going to be people that challenge us and rub us the wrong way, ALWAYS! OMG Goodness, the devil himself took Jesus up and tempted Him! The enemy is not going to stop just because we give up and say "forget it – I aint lovin that person no more!" No sireee! The enemy will not give up until you have said continually – "I will not love anyone but myself". God being just the opposite – love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you. See past the face, ask God to show you their heart.

Heap coals of love today y'all!

