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### *Love Covers*

Proverbs 10:12 (NIV) says "*Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.*" This is one of those treasures in the bible that brings to light a contrast between two choices. On one side we have hate, which stirs up dissension and division. On the other side we have love, which covers ALL wrongs. From this poignantly simple jewel of wisdom in Proverbs 10, we have the very nature of love revealed. Love covers! What does it cover? It covers ALL wrongs.

Most of us have met quite a few people with cynicism and hatred in their hearts. Their main objective is to tear down and divide. And the sad thing about them is the fact that they take pleasure in tearing others down. They are their happiest when they spot an opportunity to set friend against friend, and man against wife. By telling lies, plotting and manipulating, misrepresenting the truth, and blowing up arguments, these soldiers of malice and deceit coax us into being major players in their evil games.

If we would only gather our wits about us and see the devil's plots for what they are, oh how much grief we would save ourselves. Ephesians 6:12(NKJV) says "*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,\* against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*" We must remember at all times that those who come against us are not the real enemy. The spirit of wickedness that works through them is our adversary.

We are not wrestling with flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness. So why in the world would we try and put up our dukes for a fist fight, when there's something deeper going on. That's like trying to use a sling shot to stop a missile. Women who have husbands that are adulterous will often go after the other woman by attempting to attack her physically. That's the silliest thing in the world. The only result that can be accomplished by this is to give the adulterous woman more power.

The devil wants your authority. You must understand this. God has given you the greatest gift that can be given, which is the love of Christ. If the enemy can get you to act out of vengeance, jealousy, rage, and fear, then he will have suckered you into forking over your authority and power. Because in the very moment that you re-act in violence and anger, you turn your back on the love of Christ. You sink to a base-level consciousness where sin, death, and fear abide. There is no room for this kind of behavior in a marriage, or a relationship of any kind for that matter.

People will try their best to take you there, to take you to that place where you lose it, but you've got to be stronger and wiser than that. You must allow love to cover all wrongs. Instead of

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aggravating a situation further, love conceals. You see, love doesn't offend. The whole chapter of Romans 14 talks about the responsibility that we have as faith-filled, mature Christians. If those who are not as strong in the faith as we are have a problem with certain things that we do, we ought not to do them in their presence. As Christians, we cannot run the risk of bringing offense to others, because love doesn't behave that way. Romans 14:13 (NLT) says *"So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall."*

Through his life, ministry, and sacrifice, Jesus Christ taught us that love covers. He showed us by example that love doesn't hold a grudge, but it will excuse a wrong doing. When you have a mindset to live in such a way that is pleasing to the Father, it must completely change not only the way you view life, but how you treat others. Romans 13:10 says, *Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.* You must make the conscious choice, particularly in a heated situation, to put on the love of Jesus Christ, because it will make all the difference. It keeps you from going to that dark place. It reminds you of the mistakes you have made in the past, and the love of Christ helps you to forgive your enemies.

The one common thing that binds us all together is the need for love and acceptance. But even though we are united by our common need for love, a lot of Christians still have a difficult time with showing it. There is no excuse for this. We have a responsibility to study the Word, to learn about how the love of Christ behaves, and then we must put it into practice with everything that we do.

Love is the cornerstone of our existence. It is what motivates us to wake up every day, and it is the very reason why we were created. The bible tells us that God's love covers all wrongs, and this is why we have to allow it to be the governing factor in our lives, because love is meant to lift you up and keep you covered!●

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