



TRUE COLORS

James 1:2-4 ESV

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4 THE MESSAGE

Consider it a sheer gift, friends,
when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.

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So don't try to get out of anything prematurely.

Let it do its work so you become
mature and well-developed,
not deficient in any way.

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For the whole
Law is summarized
in a single statement:
“You must love your
neighbor as yourself.”
Galatians 5:14 ISV

For God has not
given us a spirit of fear,
but one of power, love,
and sound judgment.
2 Timothy 1:7 CSB

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Paul David Tripp

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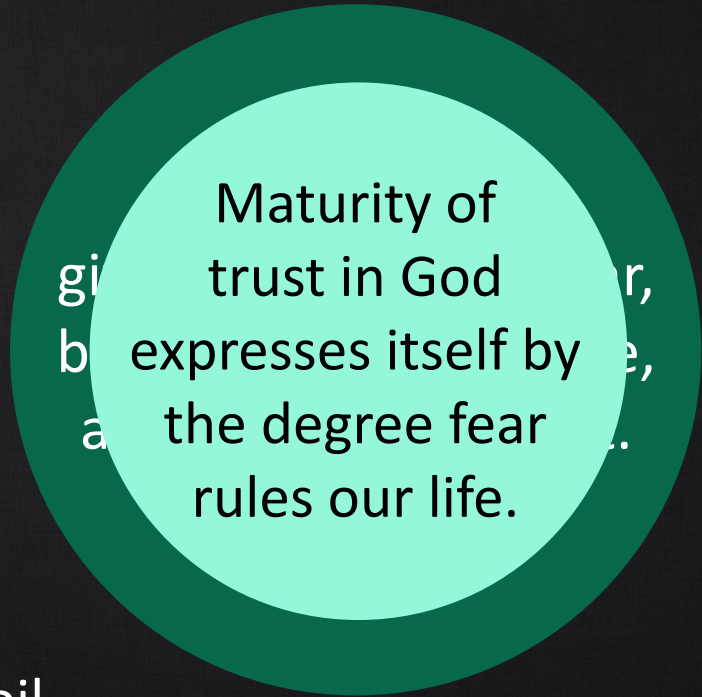
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Psalm 46:1-3 CSB



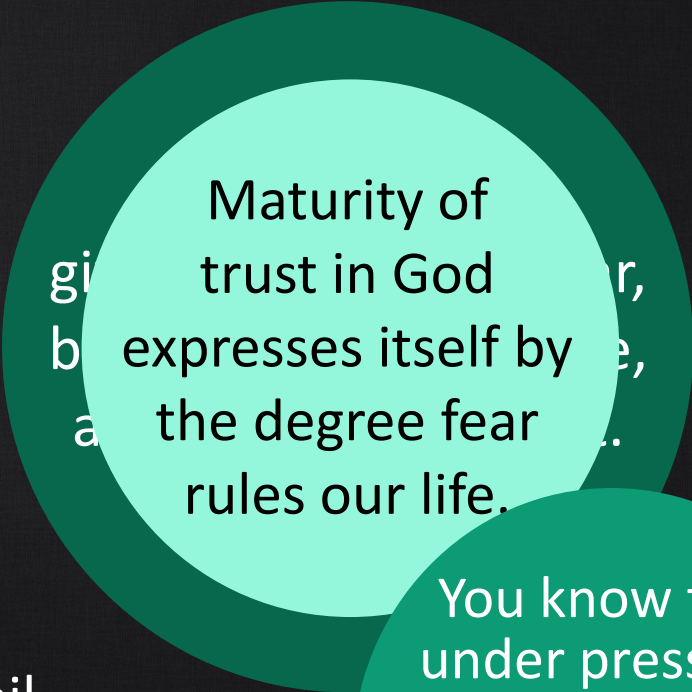
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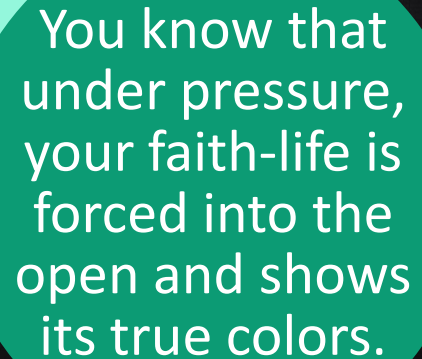
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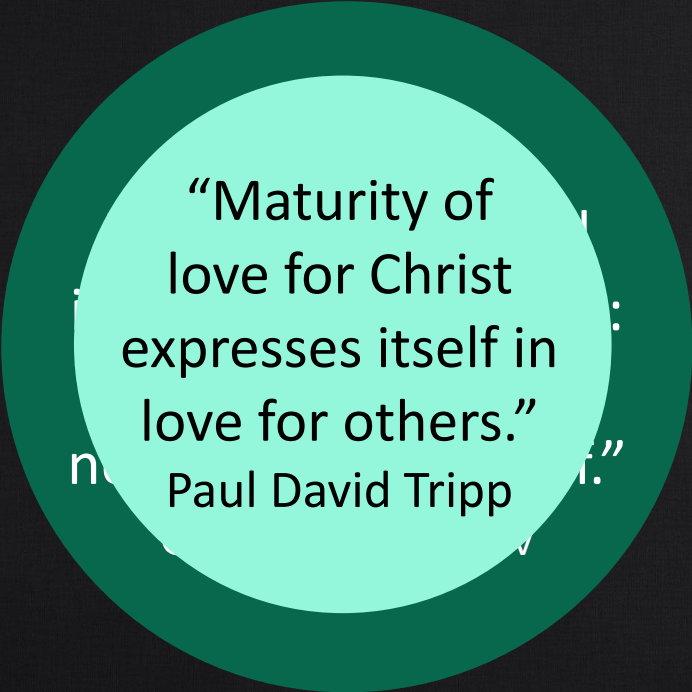
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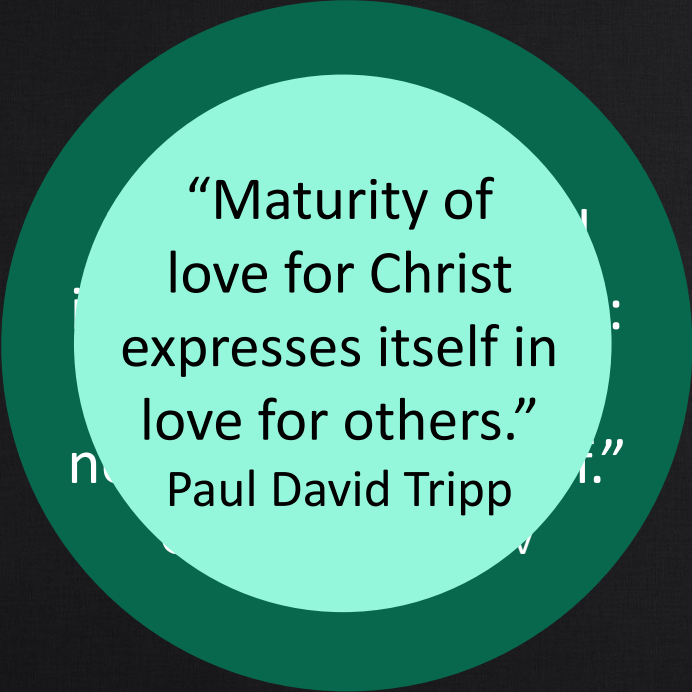


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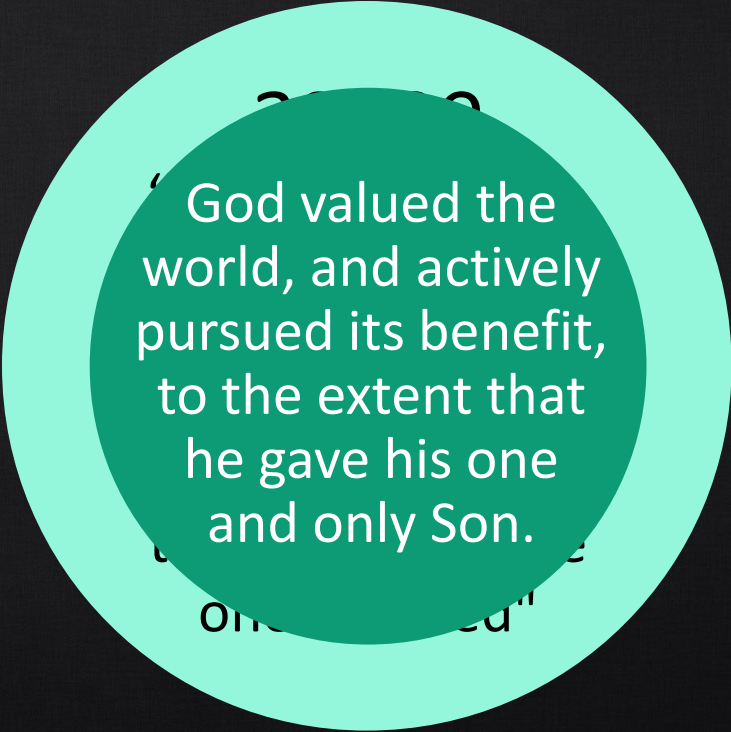
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“love in the sense
of placing high value
on a person or thing,
which expresses itself
in actively seeking
the benefit of the
one so loved”



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“God valued the
world, and actively
pursued its benefit,
to the extent that
he gave his one
and only Son.

For the whole Law is summarized in a single statement:

“You must value you neighbor,
and actively pursue their benefit,
to the same degree that you value yourself
and pursue what benefits you.”

¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another,
be careful that you are not destroyed by each other.

Galatians 5:14-15 PARAPHRASE/ISV



But if you bite and devour one another,
be careful that it doesn't mean that between you,
you destroy your fellowship altogether!

Galatians 5:15 ISV/PHILLIPS

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Romans 14:1-4 MOUNCE

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“Contempt is the degrading response to others that excludes them from one’s own little world. Contempt renders its object irrelevant, destroying both belonging and fellowship, which are among the deepest needs of human beings. It rejects the value of another person, though that person is equally beloved of God.”

Elane O’Rourke

“Filthy language and name calling
are *always* an expression of contempt.
The current swarm of filthy language
floats upon the sea of contempt
in which our society is now adrift.”

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*
1998

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Romans 14:2-3 MOUNCE

“The ‘disputed matters’ are
those differences of opinion respecting
the eating of meat,
the observance of days,
and the drinking of wine....”

Douglas Moo

those who believe COVID-19 is a conspiracy and those who think it's real

those who wear masks and those who don't

those who think it wise not to meet together and those who think that's compromise

those who will get the COVID vaccine and those who won't

those who believe Trump was chosen by God and those who don't

those who believe there's been election fraud and those who don't

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