

Word Wisdom with Dr. Scroggins

2019 Fall Classes • Strengthening the Foundations of a Living Faith
August 22, 2019 – Walking in Love

DESIRED EVIDENCE:

- Humility
- Sensitivity to filters
- Willingness to love
- Courage to love past fear
- Refuse to wallow in selfishness

DESIRED RESULTS:

- 1) Honestly challenge our views and filters of love
 - Childhood examples, early friendships, first loves, movies, songs
- 2) Submit humanity to God's love
 - Admit it, offer it, and be teachable
- 3) Abandon selfishness
 - Get over us; Love in (the internal work), Love out (to others)

LESSON FOCUS:
Obstacles to loving with God's love

"Love is our birthmark, the proof to all men of our born-again experience."

- Dr. Shaunta Scroggins

HOW AM I DIFFERENT FROM A PHARISEE or SADDUCEE?

- Are the rules more important than my heart toward God?
- Will I work as hard as I can to match God's standards?
- Do I look down on people I believe cannot be saved?
- Do I believe in a spiritual rank that keeps people lower?
- Are rituals more important than brotherhood & community?
- Am I more political than interested in relationship with God?

KEY SOURCES:

Paul – Express love wisely
John – Believe God's love
James – Love is not partial
Jude – Guard self in love
Peter – Love unceasing
Jesus – Love beyond comfort

WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES?

Rules, routine	Lack of wisdom
Belief	Masks (lies, ingenuous)
Fear (filters)	Hard heart
Lack of discipline (looseness)	Memories (stronghold)

- God gave us love, poured in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (II Tim. 1:7, Rom. 5:5).
- All of our doing must be in love (I Cor. 16:14).
- Love one another (Jn. 13:34-35).
- Don't follow the rules and forsake God's love (Lk. 11:42).

Next Class: September 12, 2019
Topic: Mastering the Highs and Lows