

GROWING STRONG

THE K.I.S.S. PRINCIPLE

2 Corinthians 11:1-3

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But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2

How do you keep it simple in the Christian life?

1. Remember that Christianity is a love relationship.

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

2 Corinthians 11:2

A. God loves you with an unfathomable love.

... and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that You sent Me and that You love them as much as You love Me. John 17:23 NLT

B. God wants you to love Him back.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. Matthew 22:37-38

C. God evaluates your love by your obedience and purity.

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:15

2. Remember that the devil is at work.

Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

A. The devil works to deceive you.

1. He wants you to believe God is not good.

"Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" Genesis 3:1

2. He wants you to believe God is not truthful.

"You surely shall not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:4-5

3. He wants you to believe he has a better way.

B. The devil works to lead you astray.

For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. 2 Corinthians 11:4

How is your love relationship with Jesus?