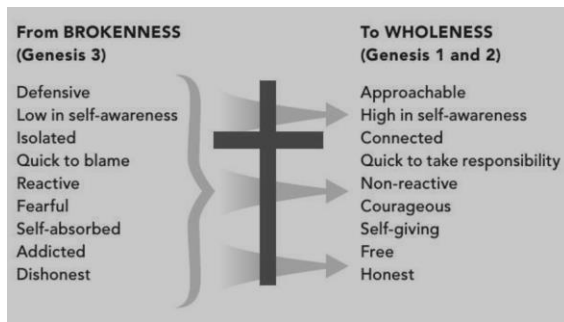




Sermon Notes
Make Love Your
Measure of Maturity
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John 15:9-17

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Martin Buber. Jewish Theologian.

I - It, or I - Thou?

I-It Relationship	I-Thou Relationship
Distracted, goal-oriented	Fully attentive, listening-oriented
Others are objects or extensions of oneself.	Others are persons, unique and separate.
Judgmental, conditional acceptance	Nonjudgmental, radical acceptance
Monologue, debate, make my point	Dialogue, exploration, curiosity
Withhold myself, limited sharing	Offer myself, vulnerable self-disclosure
Closed, unwilling to learn or change	Open, willing to learn and change

Three Questions to Ask yourself:

Am I fully p_____ or distracted?

Am I Loving or J_____?

Am I open or closed to being C_____?

Jesus: The Incarnation as our Model for Loving Well.

1. Enter another's W_____.

Respectfully, H_____, Clearly, In a timely fashion.

2. Hold onto Y_____.

Live in the _____ between Two Worlds.

3. A Radical New Way to Measure M_____:

How well do I _____?

John 13:34-35

1 Timothy 1:5

Our Goal? L_____.

- From a Pure H_____.
- A Good C_____.
- Sincere F_____.

Loving Well Only comes from a Heart that is _____ by the Love of Jesus.