

Lovely Living

Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 2:11-17; Matthew 5:16
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Matthew 5:16 NIV

Pick two ☺ (Matthew 5:16)

- a. *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- b. *In the same way, let your convictions be known, that they may understand your heart and honor your faith even if they disagree.*
- c. *In the same way, let wrongs be known so others will know their sin, recognize your holiness, see your high standards and feel inferior or indifferent.*

INFORMATION and **COMMUNICATION** are good
but **COMPASSION** beats both!

TODAY'S KEY WORDS

(**Lovely**) to excite love, and to **ENDEAR** him who does such things. ... **Of good report**, sounding well. ...fairspeaking, and so **WINNING**, **GRACIOUS** Vincent's Word Studies, by Marvin R. Vincent [1886].

The word {lovely} used here means properly what is dear to anyone; then what is pleasing. ...what is amiable - such as

TEMPERAMENT of mind that one can love it; or such as to be **AGREEABLE** to others. Barnes' Notes on the Bible

Sad – but true?

... there are many persons who make no pretensions to piety, who far surpass many professors of religion in the virtue here commended. Barnes' Notes on the Bible

Which influences you most often?

- A winsome gal who loves Jesus and has physical flaws

Or

- A professional and pious man who is obnoxious.

MY DEEPEST DESIRES

1. To think and do right but still be known for my **LOVE**.
“His attractiveness impresses more than his accuracy”
2. To tell someone he is **WRONG** but he knows I love him.

“His message is clear but the man really cares.”

CONCLUSION

Last week we saw the need to balance **rightness** with **purity**. Today we go further in thinking right by focusing on **ENDEARING** and **WINSOME** thoughts.

From The Nursery To The Nursing Home

Three things that can make an impact:

- a. The words I SHARE.
- b. The feeling of having you THERE.
- c. The way you CARE.