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DEDICATION

To Seth Wilson and W. Carl Ketcherside
Brothers in Christ
Diligent in study
Examples of integrity.

Introduction

In 1861 the United States of America was plunged into its most costly war in terms of human lives. The World Almanac places the number of battle deaths at 498,000 while the American People's Encyclopedia places the figure at 618,000. There were from 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate soldiers who died in Union prison camps.

The shocking magnitude of this war is not seen until one realizes that if you added all of the American fatalities in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish American War, World War I, the Korean police action, and the Vietnamese War you would have only 238,620 fatalities, or less than one half the number of people who died when Americans turned their guns upon one another.

There is nothing so devastating as brethren at war!

I am convinced that eternity will reveal the same shocking story with reference to the Church of Jesus Christ. Our greatest problems have not stemmed from pagan persecution or harassment by the communist conspiracy, but rather by our lack of love for one another.

This book is intended to be a sequel to *These Two Commandments* which is also published by College Press. Those who are familiar with the emphasis of that book will be better prepared to understand the thrust of this present volume.

Ignatius of Antioch once said, "With love there are no questions, and without it there are no answers."

In this volume we will seek to apply the principle of love to the very practical problems which perplex the Christian world. We hope to demonstrate the wisdom of Jesus in selecting a standard of conduct which transcends the difficulties inherent in a law. We hope to prove that love is not some irrelevant tangent but rather the very essence of the Christian commitment. The Jewish synagogue had teaching elders and serving deacons. The temples of Aphrodite and Diana had beautiful architecture and sacrificial service. The spirits of demons can work miracles and Balaam's ass could talk in tongues. But only the disciples of Jesus are known because they love one another!

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